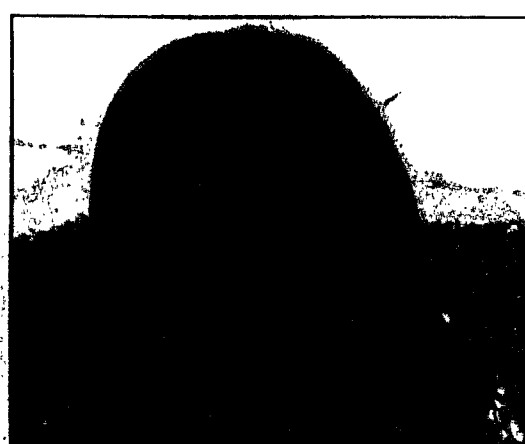




## Bay St. Louis: A Place of Art

The second Second Saturday of the year is coming up -- and we've got all the information.

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## Preventing Child Abuse

Child Abuse Prevention month in Hancock County is over, but the struggle continues.

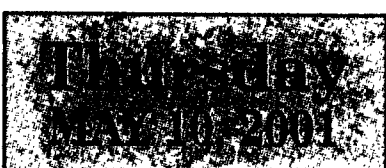
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### Harley owners to picnic for Haven

The Mississippi Coast Chapter of the Harley Owners Group is sponsoring a benefit picnic for Hope Haven children's shelter on Sat. May 19 at McLeod Water Park. Chicken, hamburger and hot-dog plate dinners will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. fishing, canoeing, horseshoes, volleyball and softball will be available and children are welcome.

Proceeds from the lunch and all other donations will go to benefit Hope Haven Children's Shelter for abused and neglected children. For more information, call Suzie Johnston at 314-5017 or any member of the Harley Owners Group.

### Beach road to be one lane only

Beach Blvd. at Clermont Harbor will be one-lane-only between Brodage St. and Poinsettia Ave. as crews from Saucier Construction begin road improvements. The construction is expected to begin today and last approximately two weeks.

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## A Wheel Good Cause



The Misfit Street Krewzers were rebels with a cause Saturday in Waveland, gathering for their annual open show to benefit the cub and boy scout camp to be held in June. Below, Frank Hille's 1931 Ford is selected to win the show's Mayor's Choice Award.

### Car show raises cash for cubs, boy scouts

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Coleman Avenue in Waveland took a trip back in time on Saturday when the Misfit Street Krewzers held their annual Open Benefit. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the cub and boy scout camp that will be held at American Legion Post 77 in



June. The sounds of 50s-era rock and roll music filled the street as people strolled by, admiring vehicles in various states of restoration dating from the 1930s to the

1970s. The sunny day was a perfect one to show off shiny paint jobs and sparkling clean motors. And -- most impressive -- Elvis was spotted in the vicinity.

Winners were: Best Paint, Motor and People's Choice -- a 1963 Plymouth owned by Leroy (one name, like "Cher"); Best Interior -- a 1957 Chevy owned by Joe Sarchet; Best Muscle Car -- a 1985 Firebird owned by Theo (Mike) Adams; Best Corvette -- a 1978 Corvette owned by Jerry Farve; Best Truck -- a 1955 Ford owned by Richard Seeing; Oldest Truck -- a 1934 Ford owned by Sam Perniciaro; Best in Show -- a 1938 Cadillac owned by Kenny Hopel; Coleman Avenue Association Trophy -- a 1948 Ford owned by Danny Brignac and the Mayor's Choice Trophy -- a 1931 Ford Truck owned by Frank Hille.

## County paid for killer's funeral

Supers want to recoup loss through sale of Simons' possessions

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Hancock County supervisors ran across a classic case this week where insult was added to injury.

At Monday's Board meeting, Chancery Court Clerk and County Administrator Tim Kellar asked supervisors to declare Orvel E. Simons a pauper, so the county could pay Edmund Fahey Funeral Home \$500 for his cremation.

On April 24, Simons opened fire in downtown Bay St. Louis on employees of Bulldog Towing Co., who were trying to move some of his possessions from a house he was being evicted from on State Street.



Orvel "Ed" Simons

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## Authority trashes rubbish requests

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

You can still apply to open a rubbish site in Hancock County, but it might be a long wait before approval.

In a surprise move Tuesday, the Hancock County Regional Solid Waste Authority passed a resolution notifying residents, "As of now, we will not entertain any further rubbish site requests until further notice."

The turn of events took place after com-

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## No new building allowed in Jourdan River Shores

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

The county will not issue any new building permits for residential construction in Jourdan River Shores.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors Monday stopped short of issuing an outright "moratorium," but their instructions to the county's chief building inspector, Willie Gavney, in effect, placed a ban on future building in the waterfront community off state Hwy. 603 in

Kiln.

Supervisors reluctantly took the action after Gavney read a letter during the Board's monthly meeting. In the letter, Total Environmental Solutions, Inc., (TESI) served notice it "cannot accept any additional customers in Jourdan River Shores until approval has been obtained by MDEQ," (the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality).

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Mary Wilson, Lee Anne Bertucci, Stacey Seruntine, Margaret Dowdy, and Shelby Rossman relax at home before their competition at the Special Olympics Mississippi State Summer Games this coming weekend at Keesler Air Force Base.

## Locals go to Special Olympics

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Local athletes will be competing this weekend in the Special Olympics Mississippi State Summer Games, which will be held this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Keesler Air Force Base and

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Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter  
Waveland Animal Shelter Director Valerie Viescas, with some of the pets she has adopted from the shelter.

## Waveland shelter participates in 13th annual National Pet Week

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Who can resist a fuzzy puppy or a playful kitten? But potential pet owners should remember that having a pet is also a responsibility and that a cute puppy may grow up to be a dog with a face that only a mother could love.

Turning a cute puppy, kitten or other pet into an animal that fits into the family home requires a lot of time, energy, consistent training, and offering positive reinforcement for a job well done.

This week is the 13th Annual National Pet Week, and the event's goal is to promote responsible pet ownership.

Waveland Animal Shelter Director Valerie Viescas said Tuesday she would like to remind people to take that responsibility seriously and have their pets spayed and neutered.

"Sometimes when people come to the shelter to find a pet and they want to adopt a male dog or cat because they feel that way they don't have to worry about puppies or kittens, but I

remind them that just because the male does not get pregnant, they are still out there making more unwanted litters," said Viescas. "So it is just as important to have male pets fixed."

A little advance preparation can make the introduction of a pet into the household go more smoothly. Mississippi State University's "Superpuppy trainer" Jane Yeatman suggests confining puppies to a crate if they must be left alone, or to an area where they will be safe, and the rest of the house will be safe from their natural curiosity and chewing instinct.

Cat owners should close off rooms with upholstered furniture they don't want scratched. Dogs should be provided with chew toys and cats with scratching posts. Dogs should never be allowed to run free, Yeatman said.

Letting a dog run free is unsafe for the dog and inconsiderate to neighbors if the dog causes damage to their property, she said.

Keeping pets healthy is also a part of responsible pet ownership. Because pets cannot tell us when they are not feeling

well, the organizers of National Pet Week offer a few warning signs that could indicate a sick pet: Loss of appetite, excessive thirst, mood swings, vomiting, diarrhea, difficult urination, stiffness, persistent sneezing or cough, bad breath, unusual secretions from eyes, nose, bottom or genitals, and/or weight loss. Animals may also seek a hiding area when they are ill or show a complete change in behavior. Yearly examinations at your vet are an important part of preventive treatment.

If you do decide to bring a pet into your home, it can offer years of pleasure and companionship in exchange for a little care from you, Viescas said, and she hopes that anyone considering getting a pet will stop by the shelter first.

"There are a lot of puppies and kittens, as well as older animals — especially at this time of year — who desperately need a home, and these animals make great pets," she said.

Viescas should know. She has adopted two dogs and six cats from the shelter.

"And they are all spayed or neutered," she said.

## Sheriff seeks relief on aging patrol fleet

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

The Sheriff's Department's fleet of patrol vehicles is aging, but Hancock County supervisors may wait until budget time to address the issue.

Ron Cuevas, chief administrative officer to Sheriff Steve Garber, made a pitch Monday to supervisors for some relief now, but it fell on deaf ears.

Cuevas asked supervisors to release \$60,000 from the general fund to enable the sheriff to purchase "used vehicles from whatever source available in order to replace vehicles which are excessive in mileage."

He provided supervisors a list of vehicles and their individual mileage, and estimated, "Sheriff's department cars rack up about a million miles a year."

Cuevas said two vehicles in the 44-vehicle fleet "died" within the last 60 days. The chart shows both vehicles had been driven in excess of 230,000 miles and one had over 250,000

miles of service.

Cuevas said three vehicles in the fleet had in excess of 250,000 miles; four, between 200,000 and 250,000 miles; nine, between 150,000 and 200,000 miles; and 12, between 100,000 and 150,000 miles.

He said the Sheriff's Department, beginning the next budget year Oct. 1, would like to begin a systematic method of replacing its fleet by purchasing seven vehicles a year.

Cuevas said without an aggressive replacement program, "We will continually be behind in trying to maintain a safe and dependable fleet."

He said, although there is an aggressive maintenance program underway to keep the vehicles in top shape, the older cars pose a safety threat to officers who drive them every day and night. District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour told Cuevas it was his feeling supervisors had agreed to curtail major spending for the remaining five

months of the fiscal year.

"It looks like you're going to have to make do until the new budget," said Seymour.

Cuevas said the department did have money left in its present department to purchase two replacement vehicles and put an engine in another vehicle. In a related matter, supervisors instructed county comptroller Patty Greer Hammons to send out letters to department heads, giving them until June 1 to propose new budgets for the coming fiscal year.

That's a month earlier than expected, but board President Rocky Pullman said the county tax assessor has been asked to provide the board with details on how the raise in homestead exemption will affect the state's general fund. Pullman said the county may have to cut spending next year in the event revenues were substantially reduced by the raise in the exemption from \$60,000 to \$75,000.

## Olympics

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other locations along the Coast.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Sports competitions will begin Saturday, with a pep rally at 8:30 a.m. at the base, with events starting at 9 a.m. A select few athletes from all over the state are chosen to compete in the yearly event.

Opening ceremonies will feature a parade of athletes, music, fireworks, and the Mississippi Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit SOMS. The torch will be used to light "The Flame of Hope." Field events will be held at Keesler, with aquatics at the Biloxi Natatorium, roller-skating at the Golden Gate Skateland in D'Iberville, track events at

Yankie Stadium in Biloxi, sailing at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club, 9-Hole Golf at Keesler Golf Course and Power lifting at Keesler Triangle Fitness Center.

Seven athletes from Bay St. Louis and Waveland will join the competition. Two male athletes, Andre Sanders and Marshall Collins, are Casino Magic employees. Five of the athletes are women residents of the Waveland Community Home. On Tuesday, the women, Lee Anne Bertucci, Margret Dowdy, Mary Wilson, Shelby Rossman, and Stacey Seruntine, were all excited and looking forward to the weekend. They will compete in events ranging from races, soft-

ball throws, volleyball and sailing.

All five have won awards for their skills, and some, like Margret and Shelby, have won gold medals. Margret for horseback riding and Shelby for swimming, her favorite sport. All the women have their favorite sports. Margret loves any kind of ball game; Mary loves to run; Stacey loves gymnastics; Lee Anne loves to sail. "It's a good thing and I like it," said Lee Anne. "It helps me to learn to work with other people, to learn team work. I handle the bow, raising and lowering sails and pulling in the lines."

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## HMC's annual health fair set for Saturday

Record number of community agencies plan to participate

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

In celebration of National Hospital Week, May 7-12, Hancock Medical Center's annual Community Health Fair will be Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hospital's main entrance.

Hal Leftwich, HMC administrator, reports a record number of community-sponsored booths will join a wide variety of hospital-sponsored health screenings.

They include glucose, blood pressure, pulmonary function tests, height and weight. The HMC lab will offer free total cholesterol screenings, or coupons for \$10 lipid profiles

(total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides).

Celebrity guests will include Armand Jonté of Armand's Restaurant in Waveland, who will have one of his specialties for the general public.

More than 20 hospital departments will sponsor booths focusing on health issues like congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Free EKG rhythm strips will be offered by the intensive care department, while a registered pharmacist will review medications for drug interactions.

Entertainment, back by popular demand, will be the Kountry Kloggers. Several community agencies will also be on hand with educational literature and give-aways. Those confirmed at press time include the American Red Cross, Apria Home Health, Mississippi Lions

Eye and Tissue Bank, Alzheimer's Association, MADD/SADD, Hancock County Health Department, American Medical Response, Hancock County Sheriffs Department and the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

Also, Care Med, Sartin's Vital Care, American Cancer Society, Lincare, Quality Home and Health Hospice, Gaits for Success, MORA, Project Prints, Select Specialty Center, TOPS, NorthShore Rehabilitation Center, George Thurber, M.D. and David Judge, M.D.

And, Oxford Healthcare, Woodland Village, Quest Rehab, Quest DME, Alanon/Alateen, AARP, MHG Hospice, Coastal Medical Alert System, Hancock County Humane Society, Patients' Choice, Avenues for Success, RSVP, Waveland Community Homes, Bay St. Louis Fire Department, Bay St.

Louis Drug Task Force, Pearl River Community College and OxyCare.

For children, and those who are young at heart, there will be appearances by the Sea Wolves' mascot Hook, members of the Gulf Coast StingRays, McGruff the Crime Dog and other special guests. The Bay St. Louis Police Department will provide fingerprinting and information on bicycle safety and the Fire Department's "Smoke House" will be on display.

There will also be face painting, pet adoption from the Waveland Animal Shelter and performances by the Hancock High School ROTC drill team.

The American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the hospital grounds. All blood types are needed.

For more information on the health fair, call 467-8790.



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## Clean & Beautiful



Photo by Janet McQueen

Hancock Medical Center received a Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Clean and Beautiful Award for the continuous maintenance of the ground's several flower beds at the local hospital. Those in photo are, from left, Hal Leftwich, HMC administrator, Ellis C. Cuevas, chamber beautification chair, and Betsy Ashman, chamber beautification co-chair.



Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas

Ashman-Mollere Realty Inc. is all spruced up with flowers and shrubs on Coleman Avenue in Waveland and received a Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Clean and Beautiful Award for May. Those in photo are, from left, Ed Vera, Sue Ashman and Renee Caspolich. Ashman-Mollere is a member of the Coleman Avenue Coalition.



Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee presented a Clean and Beautiful Award for May for flower beds at the office of David W. Tumminello, DDS, Highway 90 at Dunbar, Bay St. Louis. Those in photo are, from left, Betsy Ashman, co-chair of the chamber's beautification committee and Dr. Tumminello.

Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas

## Work begins on bike path

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand said she wanted to notify Cedar Point residents work will begin this week on the Dunbar Avenue bike path.

Kappa Development of Gulfport, which is the same contractor now installing the pedestrian walkway stretching along Beach Boulevard between Bay St. Louis and Waveland, will begin the bike path at the north end of Dunbar Avenue, Cowand said. She said starting there would minimize any disruption of traffic around North Bay Elementary School during school hours. Plans call for installing a paved, marked bike path on both sides of Dunbar Avenue to Esplanade Ave. From there, bikers will have the option of returning on Dunbar or proceeding on the U.S. Hwy. 90 via North Beach Boulevard.

Cowand said the work is expected to take about 120 days, and she asked residents to be patient and drive safely during the construction period.

Kappa Development also posted notices on doorways in the Cedar Point area, letting people know construction was about to begin.

In the letter, Dawn Parker of Kappa said, "We apologize for the inconvenience during construction, but we feel you will be pleased with the bike path after it is completed."

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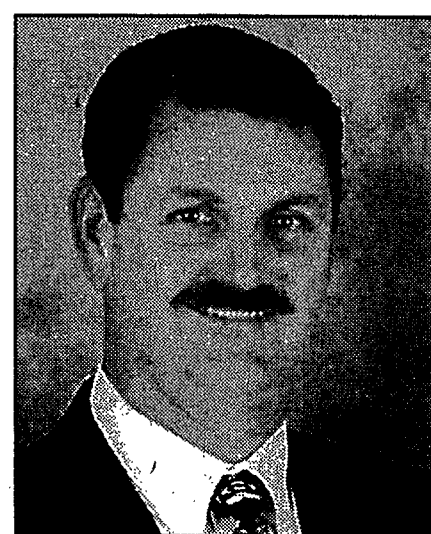


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I would like to take this opportunity to say to the citizens of Bay St. Louis, thank you for your support throughout the mayoral election. This was a new and exciting challenge for me. I greatly enjoyed meeting so many of you and hearing your concerns and viewpoints.

At this time I would also like to give a special thanks to the citizens of Ward 4 for giving me the honor and privilege for allowing me to serve as your councilman for the last eight years. Together we have accomplished much that will benefit the ward and the entire city for many years to come.

I hope that all citizens will join Mayor Favre and the new City Council in support of progress with preservation and protection of our quality of life. This is your city. Your attention and participation makes Bay St. Louis a great place to live.

*Tad*

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## Benefit for Leticia Dedeaux

There will be a benefit yard sale for cancer patient Leticia Dedeaux this Friday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Nacaise Crossing Com. Ctr.

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

A big boost should be received by the Hancock County Food Pantry next Saturday through the efforts of the National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction with the United Postal Service - in laymen's talk, the 'mailmen and women' who deliver our mail some six days a week.

On Saturday, May 12, postal patrons are asked to place non-perishable food items, like canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal, and rice at their mail box to be collected by the letter carriers to help families in need in our community.

We are asked not to place any glass or perishable items. This is an annual event for our local mail carriers, both city and rural. In recent years the response from the general public has been super.

It is hoped that everyone will be very generous this year, too.

The mail carriers will return to the post office with your food donations and then transfer it to the Food Pantry.

As many of you already know, the number of folks seeking assistance from the Hancock County Food Pantry continues to increase each year.

We are fortunate to have some very dedicated volunteers from our community churches working at the Food Pantry. We also have some great donations on a regular basis, and it all adds up for a great cause.

Please, check your food pantry and see, as you may have some items, like many of us, that you can pass on to someone who really needs some help.

Thanks in advance to all of our postal folks involved in the "Stamp Out Hunger Campaign" Saturday, May 12.

A big dual event will take place Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center, Drinkwater Road, Bay St. Louis.

There will be HMC's annual *Community Health Fair* and a special American Red Cross Blood Drive.

HMC's *Community Health Fair* will be one of the largest ever, as there will be a record number of booths supporting the fair.

Health screenings will include blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and pulmonary tests, glaucoma screening, and many give-aways.

As always, there will be many things for the kids, making the health fair a family event. There will be photo IDs, Fire Department's "Smoke House," face painting, Sea Wolves' mascot, bike safety, StingRay football players, McGruff, Charles Hawkins (power ranger), New Orleans Saints (Bernard and Al), and more.

Let us not forget that there will also be some treats in food from Armand's.

A popular group on hand will also be the Kountry Kloggers for entertainment.

HMC's Auxiliary members will also be conducting guided tours of the hospital.

The Auxiliary Gift Shop will be open, and it has so many very nice and even unique gifts. Drop in and take a look.

There is a shortage of blood, and this is a good time for persons to donate a unit. One never knows when they or a family member will need blood.

I hope to see you Saturday at the big Hancock Medical Center *Community Health Fair*.

## Thad ain't quitting

Forget it, all you Thad Cochran-watching U.S. Senator wannabes. Thad ain't quitting.

The retirement of Thad Cochran from the U.S. Senate, long the grist of the political rumor mill, but with little substance, has gone off the radar screen, at least for now.

A talk with Thad by phone the other day convinced me that Mississippi's senior senator will definitely stand for re-election in 2002 and is putting together his war chest to do it.

Of course, he could be taken out by the voters, but I don't think that is remotely possible.

In recent months Thad has ruffled some feathers in Mississippi, mostly on the far right, by breaking with his Mississippi colleague, Trent Lott, and joining Sens. John McCain (R) Ariz. and Russ Feingold (D) Wis. to pass their long-sought campaign finance reform bill.

Outside of a few letters-to-the-editor and a fundamental preacher-type who writes a newspaper column, Cochran says he has seen no criticism of his campaign finance reform stand.

"No one has criticized me to my face," he said. "In fact I think a lot of people like what I did. Certainly some corporations and other givers were glad to get some relief from constantly being asked to contribute to campaigns."

A moderate conservative by Mississippi political standards, Cochran has long taken a centrist course, avoiding links with

the GOP hard-right in Congress and also at home. Sometimes he has risked alienating old-line Republicans in Mississippi who dote on Lott as their party idol.

On several occasions in the past, however, when Cochran has tangled with Lott over leadership of the state Republican party organization, Cochran has emerged the winner.

And when Cochran differed with Lott over federal judgeship appointments during the Reagan and first Bush administrations, Cochran prevailed.

But the ever-resourceful Lott managed a clever end-run to get a federal district judge appointed in Mississippi's Northern District by Democratic President Bill Clinton, the only federal judgeship in Mississippi that was filled by Clinton in his eight years in office.

Democrat Allen Pepper, a plaintiff attorney from Cleveland and a onetime roommate of Lott at Ole Miss, was appointed by Clinton in some arcane trade-off between Lott, the Senate Majority Leader, and Clinton, without the okay of 2nd U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, supposedly the state's Democratic patronage chief.

Rumors that Cochran would someday step down from his Senate seat had nothing to do with his age or health. He is only 63 and quite healthy.

Somehow the idea that the studious Cochran really would prefer a life in an academic setting, beyond politics and away

from the U.S. Senate, had taken root. It gained momentum when Lott, his junior, jumped over him in the Republican pecking order by winning the Majority Leader post.

Adding to the speculation that Thad would eventually come home has been a longtime impression that his wife, Rose, has never been smitten with living in Washington and remains close to her mother, now in her late 80s, who lives in the New Albany family home.

Nonetheless, Cochran has mapped definite plans for the near future in the Senate. Because of the Republicans' self-imposed term limits on committee chairmanships, Cochran expects to move up as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee when Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens, now chairman, term limits next year.

As Appropriations chair, Cochran foresees being able to pay particular attention to helping better fund something he loves - higher education.

Naturally, his Alma Mater, Ole Miss, figures in that plan.

But he also believes heading the Senate committee that decides to a considerable extent where federal money is spent,

that he can look after certain Mississippi interests such as the Stennis Space Center.

That's why, he says, "the people of Mississippi would be angry with me if I voluntarily walked away from the chance to serve them in this important Senate position."

I asked if he was one of those Republicans in the Senate who daily check the pulse of 98-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, whose presence gives the GOP its tenuous majority in the upper chamber of Congress. Actually, he said, Thurmond sits directly in front him. "He's the Lou Gehrig of politics, he's there every day. It's amazing," Cochran said, adding that Thurmond sometimes reaches over and hands him a few candies and says "give these to Rose."

Cochran has held several small fund-raisers in Mississippi and in Washington, toward his goal of having \$1 million in his campaign kitty by the end of the year.

No opponent next year now appears on the horizon, either on the Republican or Democratic side. But Cochran, reminding that the Senate now is split 50-50 between the two parties, fully expects the Democrats will recruit someone to run against him.

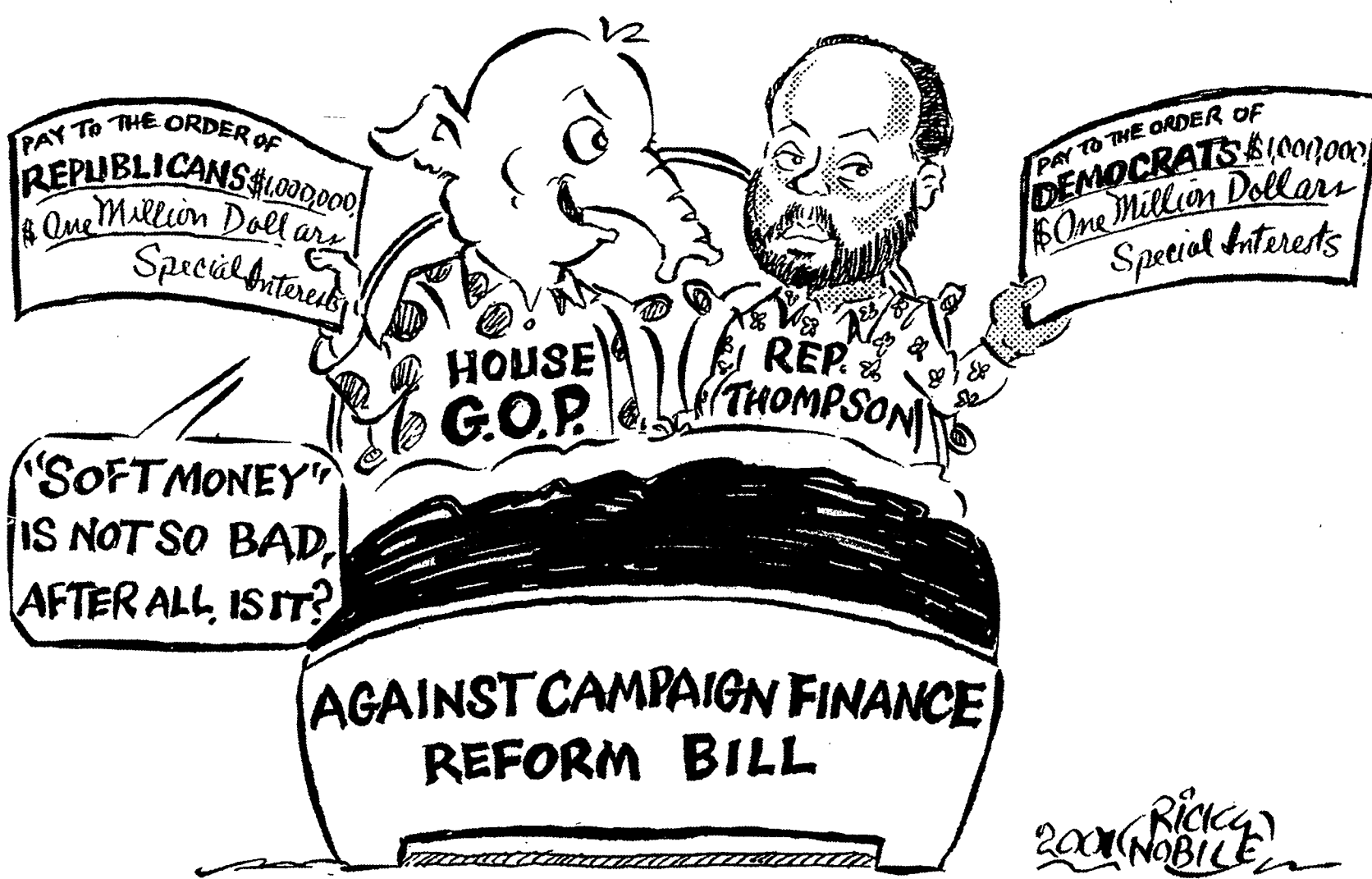
Meanwhile, the heavies who have been waiting in the wings to run for his seat, notably Atty. Gen. Mike Moore and U.S. Rep. Chip Pickering, for now will just have to make other political plans.



## Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

## POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS



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## TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor Phil Bryant SCHOOLS

Q How should a board of education proceed in determining fair market rental on farm residential Sixteenth Section land?

A Section 29-3-63(2) states that fair market rental value will apply to those lands as determined by appraisal, comparative analysis or comparison with the private sector.

Any preference of one method over another should favor the highest rental obtainable.

(Attorney General's opinion to Warren dated March 9, 2001)

Q May an employee of a school district donate all his

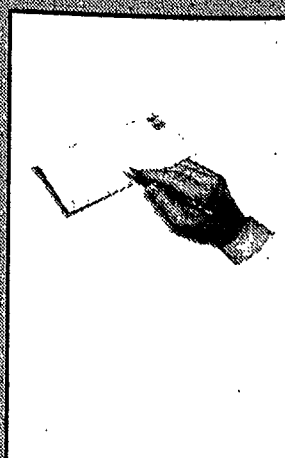
leave time to another school district employee who has a catastrophic illness?

A No, pursuant to Section 37-7-307 (9) (b) (ii); the maximum amount of unused accumulated personal leave that an employee may donate to any other employee may not exceed a number of days that would leave the donor employee with fewer than 7 days of personal leave remaining, and the maximum amount of unused accumulated sick leave that an employee may donate to any other employee may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the unused accumulated sick leave of the donor employee.

## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.







## IN CONGRESS By Representative Gene Taylor

### President, Congress must address important Navy, maritime needs

President Bush and the 107th Congress need to give high priority to the Navy's shipbuilding program and other maritime needs of our nation.

Unfortunately, President Bush's proposed budget that he sent to Congress on Feb. 28 contains zero funding for one of our most important maritime programs - the Title XI Ship Loan Guarantee Program.

Just as disturbing as the zero Funding for Title XI is the fact that the proposed budget takes steps to dismantle the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) by moving oversight of the Maritime Security Program (MSP) to the U.S. Navy.

I am very concerned about this because MARAD is the only federal agency charged with the responsibility for the promotion of the U.S. maritime industry, including the shipyards that are so important to South Mississippi and our entire nation.

In 1993 I led the effort in Congress to pass the National Shipbuilding Initiative (NSI). The Shipbuilding Initiative is the centerpiece of the Title XI program.

Since NSI was enacted, it has meant \$6 billion of commercial shipbuilding contracts to U.S. shipyards. Approximately half of this \$6 billion has gone to shipyards in South Mississippi.

I don't have to tell you that shipbuilding provides thousands of well-paying jobs in South Mississippi. Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula and Friede Goldman Halter in Jackson and Harrison counties are two of the largest shipbuilders in the United States. In addition to their Navy contracts, Title XI has allowed both shipyards to compete for commercial shipbuilding contracts.

The National Shipbuilding Initiative was passed in 1993 and signed into law by President Clinton. For the past six years under Republican majorities in the House and Senate, not one maritime initiative has been passed.

I also regret that during the past six years Congress doesn't have a better track record on Navy shipbuilding. When Republicans gained control of Congress in 1995, the Navy had 392 ships.

Today, the Navy fleet is down to 313 ships. In fact, the Navy fleet, with increasing worldwide national security demands, is at its lowest number of vessels since 1933.

We can't blame the Clinton Administration. For Fiscal Year 2001 the previous administration requested funding for eight Navy ships. Congress funded only six.

During the past six years only 33 Navy ships were funded. In the six years prior to 1995, 56 ships were built for the Navy.

During President Bush's successful campaign for the presidency, I was encouraged when he made an issue of military

readiness and frequently said that "help is on the way." I regret that the actual 2002 budget proposed by President Bush represents only a slight increase above his predecessors' proposed overall military budget.

The American Shipbuilding Association, of which Ingalls is a member, noted this week that the budget request for Navy shipbuilding is actually a \$3.8 billion cut from Fiscal Year 2001. The Bush budget proposed for Navy shipbuilding will mean that by Fiscal Year 2005, the Navy fleet will fall below 300 ships.

When it comes to our nation's maritime and Navy shipbuilding needs, it is time for the President and Congress, as the old saying goes, to not just talk the talk, but to walk the walk.

I hope my pro-defense, pro-shipbuilding Republican colleagues in the House will join me and other pro-defense, pro-shipbuilding Democrats and make that happen.

### Santiago seeks Justice Court East position

Bay St. Louis-native Richie Santiago has announced his candidacy for the office of Justice Court Judge-East.

Santiago, 32, is a 1987 graduate of Hancock North Central, and attended Pearl River Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"If elected," Santiago said in a release announcing his candidacy, "I will continue playing an active role in the Hancock County youth leagues and serve the office of Justice Court Judge with pride and dignity."

Santiago has been the owner/operator of J's Restaurant for the past 10 years.

He and his wife Cyndi have



Santiago

two children, including son Tyler and daughter Taylor.

### Watercraft operators must wear life preservers

Something new awaits jet ski and other personal watercraft operators this year, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

As a result of a law passed by the last session of the Mississippi Legislature and signed by the governor, all persons operating or riding a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved type 1, 2, or 3 personal flotation device.

The same personal flotation device requirement applies to all persons being towed behind a personal watercraft.

Officers already are enforcing this new law on the public waters of Mississippi.

"We are hoping that this new requirement will save lives in recreational boating this summer across the state," Director of Boating Safety Maj. Jimmy Laird said.

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# Happy Mother's Day

## Long Beach Kiwanis give moms a rest May 13th

If you're cooking up plans for a special Mother's Day celebration free of kitchen catastrophes and dirty dishes by the dozen, the Long Beach Kiwanis Club has a package deal for you.

"Our annual Mother's Day prime rib dinner gives families a hassle-free way to celebrate and helps us raise money for our scholarship fund," said club president Paul Maxwell.

Scheduled for Mother's Day,

Sunday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club, the event supports the organization's efforts to offer an annual scholarship award to a deserving Long Beach high school senior.

The club established the scholarship last year to help college-bound Long Beach students meet the financial demands of higher education.

"We have so many outstanding young leaders and scholars in our school system. We created our scholarship to help at least one young person each year pursue his or her plans for a college or university education," said Maxwell.

Maxwell added that the club's scholarship committee is reviewing applications and interviewing potential scholarship recipients to announce a winner in May.

Long Beach High School grad-

uate and University of South Alabama

student Corene Lewis received last year's Long Beach Kiwanis scholarship award, which pays \$1,000 to the recipient's college or university of choice.

According to Howard Mays, catering manager for

the Mother's Day repast, a \$12 ticket entitles each guest to a prime rib entrée, salad, side items, dessert, and tea, water or coffee.

"We'll also have a complimentary flower available for each mother and one complimentary glass of champagne upon request for guests 21 years of age or older," said Mays.

Mays recommended purchasing advance tickets and requested reservations for groups of six or more to ensure adequate seating.

Tickets are available from any Long Beach Kiwanis Club member or by calling 214-5252.

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Approximately 75 percent of today's mothers with children under 18 are in the work force, bringing home all or part of the family income. Their schedules from breakfast until the late-evening news are often intensive and demanding. Casual apparel that gives them freedom of movement and yet keeps them looking their best any time of the day or night is in high demand. If you have a mother whose day planner looks as if she was running a blue chip corporation (which she may be doing), and you want to zero in on a gift that is flattering, exciting, contemporary and very useful, select uncomplicated pieces for her wardrobe. A few basic items, like black slacks, a white button-down cotton shirt or a casual sweater will be a welcomed gift.

Mom can dress casually for many activities. Early morning walkathons, jogging, aerobics and shopping are just a few examples. If your mom is not athletic or is not involved in any type of fitness program, she can always use casual apparel to relax in at home during the last intimate hours of the day as she unwinds from a life full of demands.

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## Thoughts on Motherhood

By Tamara J. Lohman  
Waveland

Being a mother is probably the most challenging "job" in the entire world and at the same time the most rewarding.

A mother is often misunderstood, frequently tested and often unappreciated. Even when her heart has been broken, she seems to come out on the other side of the valley with a smiling face and with a stronger heart.

Her love is unmatched on this side of Heaven. She is totally dedicated to her children, (always ready to correct them when they do wrong,

and yet, always eager to forgive them and hold them lovingly in her gentle arms).

She is also the very first to notice when they do something good. She praises them, wholeheartedly, even when no one else does.

She comforts them in their failures and rejoices at their accomplishments. Although she is not perfect, she tries to do her utmost best for her children every day of her life.

She nourishes their bellies with food, their minds with wisdom, and their hearts with love. She has the unique ability to turn a monotone into a Beethoven, a special-

Ed student into an Einstein, and an ugly duckling into a Miss America.

Her genuine love, compassion, and encouragement can literally produce miracles within her children's lives. She is always sensitive to their needs, and puts their needs above her own.

She cares about them and does her best for them as long as her heart is still beating and she has air left to breathe. A good mother is always remembered fondly by her children.

### Why Did God Make Mothers?

God made mothers so that the very first face that we see upon entering the world is one of grace and beauty, instead of the harshest part of humanity.

God made mothers so that we could grow in confidence, knowing that if we were ever to fall there would be an outstretched hand to catch us and guide us the rest of the way.

God made mothers so that we could know the soft touch of a warm hand during the cold chill of a winter season.

God made mothers so that we would come to know and love the special small of

fresh-baked cookies and bread from a tender, young age.

God made mothers so that we could have the best personalized teachers in the whole universe, because they know us better than anyone else ever could.

God made mothers so that we could always have at least one friend in this indifferent and at times unfriendly world in which we live.

God made mothers so that we could hear a soft, gentle, encouraging voice of solace amidst a heartless, phlegmatic, noisy, overcrowded city street.

God made mothers so that when no one else believed in us, they would still be there, standing supportively, steadfastly and unfaltering in the midst of a ferocious storm of controversy.

God made mothers because since He is omniscient, He knew that there would be a specific need for them and a special niche that only a mother could fill, and that there would be a vast expanse of emptiness in the world without their existence or presence in the world and in one's life.

... And that's why God made mothers!

By Tamara J. Lohman

### A Mother's Job

A woman's job is never done.

A mother's job has just begun from the first day her baby's born until the day her child doth mourn.

From the first sign of morning's light, and even all throughout the night, a mother's love will never

fade, - for Heaven's where a mother's made!

By Tamara J. Lohman

### Your Mother

Remember you mother in the fair month of May.

Then, buy her a flower, or perhaps a bouquet.

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### St. Rock Mother of the Year



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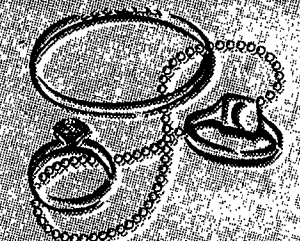
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**GLADYS HENNESSEY**  
**ALVA HOPSON**  
**ROBERT LONG**  
**ALFRED MCCALED**  
**JOHN FLOYD MCKAY**  
**CHARLES POOLE**  
**NATHAN STEADMAN**  
**ARLIE C. STEVENS**  
**JOAN TRAVIRCA**

**FREDDIE BLACKWELL**  
 Freddie B. Blackwell, 70, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, May 1, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Blackwell was a native of Lumberton and a lifelong resident of the Coast. He was employed in the construction industry. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nick and Leona Blackwell; a son, Billy Blackwell; a daughter, Henrietta Blackwell; a grandson, David E. Blackwell; and a great-grandson, Garrett Bryant.

Survivors include a son, Elbert Blackwell of Pass Christian; two daughters, Anne Blackwell of North Carolina and Gail Stineling of Rochester, Mass.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

**BRO. NORMAN CHAMPAIGNE**  
 Brother Norman Champagne, S.C. (Joseph Louis Champagne), age 80, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at Meadowcrest Hospital of heart failure. He was the son of the late Godfrey Louis and Hilda Kent Champagne.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, G. Kent Champagne, Fr. William L. Champagne, S.J. and Claude Champagne; and three sisters, Isabel C. Delaune, Lucelle Langley and Mary C. Schenaydre.

He is survived by three sisters, Hilda C. Willi and Loretta C. Gosan, both of Ft. Worth, Tx., and Mary Regina Eggart of Baton Rouge; one brother, Guy Champagne of Baton Rouge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a native of Baton Rouge and a resident of New Orleans.

Brother Norman entered the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1941 and taught at Brothers of the Sacred Heart Schools in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma. At the time of his death, he was a resident of Our Lady of Wisdom Healthcare Center in New Orleans. Interment was yesterday in the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Donations to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Foundation, 720 Heartstone Dr., Baton Rouge, La. 70806, are preferred.

**BLANCHE COLLINS**  
 Blanche Collins, 97, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, May 6,

2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Collins was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was employed at Reed Hotel and was a member of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Louise Smith Joseph; four brothers, William Joseph, Christopher Joseph, John Joseph and Charles Joseph II; and two sisters, Willomenia Joseph and Beatrice Joseph Green.

Survivors include a sister, Josephine Anna Joseph of Bay St. Louis.

Services will be conducted today, May 10 at 11 a.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church where friends may call an hour before services. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis directed by J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

**RICK CURET**  
 Rick Kevin "Ricky" Curet, 40, of Clermont Harbor, died Monday, May 7, 2001, in Clermont Harbor.

Mr. Curet was a commercial fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Curet, Sr. and a brother, Joseph "Jody" Curet, Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Curet of Clermont Harbor; his mother, Linda Erskine Curet of Lakeshore; a son, Kevin G. Curet of Ocean Springs; sisters Tammy Capdepon of Houston, Texas, Deneen Curet Johnson of Jacksonville, Ala., and Cathy Hill of Bay St. Louis.

Mass will be celebrated today, May 10 at 11 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church, 6236 Lakeshore Road, Lakeshore where friends may call one hour before mass. Burial will follow in Bayou Coco Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**MONA DILLENKOFFER**  
 Mona Stark Dillenkoffer, 86, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Dillenkoffer was a native of New Orleans and lived there her entire life. She was graduated from Sophie Wright High School in 1933 and she was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacob Joseph Dillenkoffer, Jr., her father, John Henry Stark; her mother, Carrie Daigle Stark; a brother, John Henry Stark, Jr.; a sister, Carroll Stark Monier; and a grandson, Thomas Morel Dillenkoffer. Survivors include a son, Jacob Joseph Dillenkoffer III of Bay St. Louis; daughters Pamela Ann Granier of Raceland, La. and Mary Elana (Gerry) Adams of McComb; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home in New Orleans. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

**GLADYS HENNESSEY**  
 Gladys Hazel Hennessey, 98, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Hennessey was a native of Chicago, Ill. and a longtime resident of Waveland before moving to Diamondhead. She was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice L. Hennessey; and her parents, Henry and Alfreda Anderson Schaults.

Survivors include a son, Maurice A. Hennessey of Diamondhead; a daughter, Patricia Hennessey of Diamondhead; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be conducted today, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**ALVA HOPSON**  
 Alva Nell "Ivy" Hopson, 42, of Waveland, died Friday, May 4, 2001, in Waveland.

Mrs. Hopson was a native of Benton, Miss. and a resident of the Gulf Coast for 19 1/2 years. She was a former cook at Jack's Steak House in Waveland. She was a Baptist.



Alva Hopson

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Alvin and Myra Bernice Creel Hopson.

Survivors include a daughter, Jourdan Denise Hopson of Waveland; a brother, Jim Hopson of Austin, Texas; and two sisters, Diane Crabtree of Yazoo City, Miss. and Deannie Hopson of Kiln.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service and interment in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou, Kiln.

**ROBERT LONG**  
 Robert Joseph Long, 67, of Kiln, died Thursday, May 3, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Long was a native of Mobile and a resident of Hancock County for over 30 years. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward R. and Otis C. Long.

Survivors include two sisters, Carol Williams of Waveland and Pat Fitzpatrick of Gretna.

Visitation was Monday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services and burial in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

**ALFRED MCCALED**  
 Col. Alfred F. McCaleb Jr., USMC Ret., recipient of the Silver Star for gallantry in action, four Distinguished Flying Crosses and a combat veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War died in Pensacola, Fla. on Sunday, May 6, 2001, at the age of 78.

Col. McCaleb is survived by his wife, Christine Davenport McCaleb; his children, Alfred McCaleb III of Baton Rouge, Kenneth Baber McCaleb of Natchitoches, Nancy Lorraine McCaleb Nailer of San Diego, Ca., Lyric Anne McCaleb of Los Angeles, and Marion Belle McCaleb of Adelaide, Australia, and Patricia McCaleb Pennewill of Pensacola, Fla.

Col. McCaleb was a confirmed Episcopalian and a Master Mason of the Port Royal Lodge, Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

The colonel and his wife Anne purchased the old Nicholson home on North Beach Blvd. in the early 1950s, and lived there until the 1970s. "Francis," as he was affectionately known, continued to own and occasionally reside in the Bay house until his demise.

Final rites will be held Friday, May 11, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Barancas National Cemetery, U.S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

The family prefers donations to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

**JOHN FLOYD MCKAY**  
 John Floyd McKay, 46, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, May 3, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mr. McKay was a native and lifelong resident of Pass Christian and was a Pass Christian High School graduate. He was employed as a longshoreman, an associate editor of the Tarpon Beacon newspaper in Pass Christian for several years, and a pressman for Copy Express in Gulfport. He was also employed with Parker Printing and in Civil Defense in Pass Christian.

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He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Parnell McKay Sr.; and a brother, Ray Parnell McKay Jr.

Survivors include his mother, Jessie Ione McKay; two sons, Joel John McKay and Shaun Floyd Jerone, all of Pass Christian; a daughter, Jennifer Ann McKay Parker of Long Beach; a sister, Veronica Ann McKay Jamison of Summit; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorials to Riverside Baptist Church in Long Beach.

**CHARLES POOLE**  
 Charles Edward Poole of Bay St. Louis died May 3, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Poole was a native of San Diego, Calif. and a longtime resident of Des Moines, Iowa. He retired in 1997 from Boatmen's Bank in Des Moines. He was a Marine Corps veteran and was a Protestant.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bill Poole.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn LaFontaine Poole, a son, Timothy Franklin Poole, and a daughter, Kimberly Marie Poole, all of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Bob Poole of Des Moines; and sisters Ella Gwartney of Phoenix, Ariz., Mary Mahany of Ontario, Canada, Judy Kindhart and Patricia Cochran, both of Des Moines. Visitation was Tuesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services and burial in Bayou Caddy Cemetery.

**NATHAN STEADMAN**  
 Nathan Steadman, 81, of Slidell, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, in Slidell.

Services are pending at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**ARLIE C. STEVENS**  
 Arlie C. "Steve" Stevens, 71, of Long Beach, died Friday, May 4, 2001, in Long Beach.

Mr. Stevens was a native of Corning, Ark., and a longtime resident of Long Beach. He was retired from the U.S. Navy as a chief petty officer. He was owner and operator of John's Lounge for many years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Heil Stevens.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Stevens and Rodney Stevens, both of Long Beach, and John Stevens of Pass Christian; a daughter, Rhonda Stevens of Long Beach; three stepdaughters, Janice Glenn, Linda Lorenzana and Patricia Jones, all of Gulfport; two brothers, Perry Stevens of Mobile and Bob Stevens of Corning; a sister, Eleanor Coleman of Corning; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach. Services were conducted Monday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Long Beach City Cemetery with full military honors.

**JOAN TRAVIRCA**  
 Joan Hoa LeBlanc Travirca of Greenbrae, Calif., formerly of New Orleans, died Saturday, May 5, 2001.

Mrs. Travirca was the wife of the late Chester A. Travirca, Jr.; mother of Terri Lynn Travirca, Laurie Travirca Masterson, Chester A. Travirca, III, and Kenneth Robert Travirca; sister of Clyde Hoa LeBlanc, Marion Hoa LeBlanc, Jr., and Gloria Hoa LeBlanc Weidner. Survivors also include five grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted today, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

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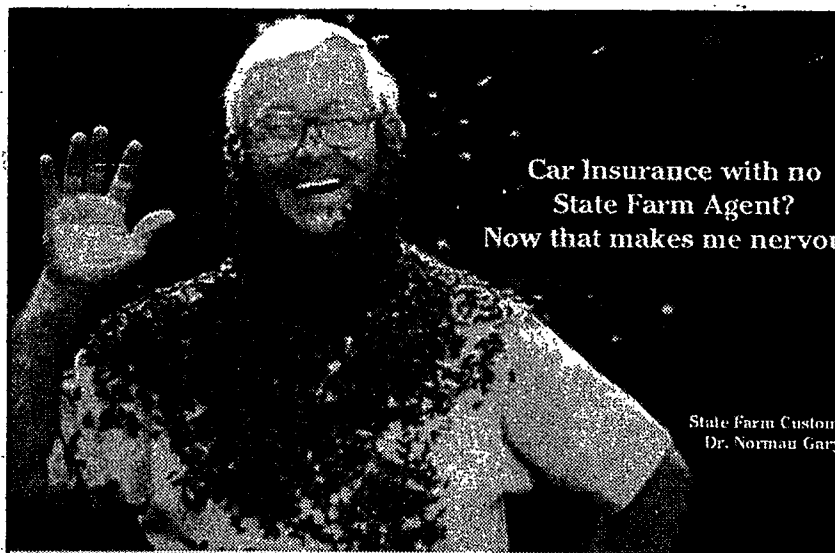
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There will be a public demonstration on the vote counting equipment to be used in the May 15, 2001 election. The demonstration will be held in the office of the City Clerk at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2001.

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## Thank You

The Sons and Daughters of Henry Lang Sr. would like to express their sincerest thanks to everyone for their kindness and love for Henry. The get-well cards at the beginning, the sympathy cards, Mass cards, donations to Our Lady of the Woods and flowers. It was all very appreciated. We would like to mention some special thanks to MSGR Greg and FR Tracy of OLG and FRS. John and Jack of St. Ann's Clermont, the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Aux. #1522, Drs S. Chevis and R. Lee, Ellis Cuevas, Betty Namath and the Raboni of OLG.

Henry used to say when asked how he was: "I'm still above ground". Ladies and gentlemen, Henry is truly above the ground.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Hancock Bank announces promotions

Hancock Bank President and Chief executive Officer George A. Schloegel has announced officer promotions approved recently by the Hancock Holding Company and Hancock Bank Board of Directors.

New Hancock officers include:

### Holly Ainsworth Loan Officer

Now a customer service representative and retail lender, Ainsworth joined Hancock Bank 20 years ago as a teller at Hancock's Pass Christian branch.



Ainsworth

She was graduated from O. Perry Walker High School in Algiers, attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Southern Community College, and completed several American Institute of Banking classes. She also completed Hancock University's HELOC, SalesPro, consumer credit, and product knowledge courses.

Ainsworth is a member of the Beach Vista Homeowners Association board of directors, the Pass Christian Rotary Club, and the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce. The New Orleans native also serves as finance chairperson for "Christmas in the Pass."

### Bertrand L. "Bill" Holmes, II Loan Officer

Associate lender Holmes received a bachelor of arts degree in history and political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia and will pursue a master of business administration degree at William Carey College beginning fall 2001.



Holmes

The Galveston, Texas, native completed the American Institute of Banking Principles of Banking course and Hancock

Bank's consumer credit analysis course.

Holmes also holds a state of Mississippi life insurance license. He is an active member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association, an alumnus of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity, and Phi Alpha Theta.

He is also an instructor for Gulfport's Junior Achievement program. Holmes began his Hancock Bank career three years ago in the Loan-by-Phone department.

### Peggy Ann Mitchell Loan Officer

Mitchell, a Ruth, Miss. native, joined the Hancock team in 1999 through the company's management development program. She is currently an associate retail lender at Hancock's Poppo Ferry branch.



Mitchell

Mitchell received a bachelor of arts degree in economics, with a minor in accounting, from Tougaloo College. She is a member of Bogue Chitto Woods Missionary Baptist Church, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and served as a team captain for Harrison County's March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2001.

### Laurie Bond Mohler Loan Officer

Joining the Hancock team in 1985, Gautier native Mohler moved from her executive secretary position in bank administration in 1999 to become a retail lender at Hancock's Vancleave branch.



Mohler

She was graduated from Pascagoula High School, attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, graduated from Hancock University's consumer credit analysis program, and completed several American Institute of Banking

courses.

Mohler also served as a trainer for Hancock's Personal Empowerment Program (PEP). She is a member of the Vancleave Youth Basketball Association, a member and past captain of the Krewe of Bonne Vivantes, and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

### Tra Chatham Compliance Officer

Long Beach High School graduate Chatham attended the University of Mississippi and completed the American Institute of Banking's Principles of Banking course. A Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) specialist, she provides in-house compliance training and BSA training for Hancock University's Teller School. Chatham joined Hancock's credit department in 1986.



Chatham

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## Grand Opening winner

Craig Walker of Bay St. Louis receives Food Certificates in the amount of \$500 from Dena Koenig, store manager of Winn-Dixie. Koenig said there were thousands of entries in the grand opening drawing.

## USMGC bookkeeping workshop

The USM Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop, "Accounting Basics For Bookkeepers" on Wednesday, May 16 from 12-4 p.m. at the USM Gulf Coast Campus, Lloyd Hall, Room 207, Long Beach.

The workshop, designed for bookkeepers and non-accountants, will teach important basic accounting principles. Topics to be covered include: accounting activities that are a must for any business, business activities that require good accounting records, and accounting information on inventory, payables, revenues, expenses, employees, and more. The instructor will be Stan Lewis, CPA and USM Professor.

The fee is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. To preregister, mail check made payable to USM SBDC to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

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## Harrison to lead regional meeting

M.C. "Princy" Harrison, CPA, will co-chair the Eastern Regional Meeting for the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) at the Eastland Park in Portland, Maine, June 6-8.

She will lead the Southeast Region's discussions on issues facing accounting regulators in Mississippi, its neighboring states, the nation, and the world.

The meeting will feature sessions on the computerization of the Uniform CPA Examination, the newly revised CPE standards, the regulation of interstate licensees, an update on professional ethics, and a review of education requirements.

The Southeast Region includes member accountancy boards in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, and the Virgin Islands.

The Great Lakes, Middle Atlantic and Northeast Regions will also attend the Eastern Regional Meeting.

NASBA serves as a forum for the nation's state boards of accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license certified public accountants, and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States.

A current member of the Mississippi State Board of Accountancy, Harrison served as board chair in 1997, vice chair in 1996 and secretary in 1995. She is currently serving

her second term on the board. In 1998, she was named as one of the "Most Influential People in Accounting," by *Accounting Today*.

Harrison serves as a member of NASBA's Strategic Initiatives Committee. She is a past member of NASBA's Committee Resource Panel, Future Licensing and Litigation Committee, Government Affairs Committee and Government Relations Committee.

Harrison is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Mississippi Society of CPAs where she served as president of the Southeast Chapter and chair of the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee.

NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities.

The association promotes the exchange of information among the accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 54 U.S. jurisdictions. NASBA's headquarters are located in Nashville, Tenn.

Harrison holds a bachelor's degree in business education and a master's of science degree in accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She has also received the professional designation of Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). Harrison is also a graduate of St. Joseph Academy in Bay St. Louis. She

is a partner in the firm of Holt & Associates, PLLC in Laurel.

Harrison is the daughter of Marion Cook and the late General John Cook of Bay St. Louis. She and her husband, George, have four children, Lisa, George, John and Sarah.

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## Building -- Jourdan River Shores

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Steve Jones, TESI's district supervisor, said, "If I had known that the county was not made aware of this restriction, I would have notified you before." You will be notified of any status changes as soon as they occur.

Jones was referring to a story that ran in the Echo April 29, in which it was revealed TESI and MDEQ entered into a lengthy agreement last November.

The MDEQ cited several deficiencies in the sewerage treatment operations in Jourdan River Shores, and in water and sewerage facilities in Clermont Harbor, Oak Harbor and the White Cypress Community. The MDEQ order gave TESI a timeline for correcting deficiencies in each system or the alternative of joining in with existing systems to correct the problems.

Jones had called Gavney in mid-April asking him to declare a "moratorium" on further building in Jourdan River Shores, but Gavney told him he couldn't take any official action unless he had an order from MDEQ, the state Public Service Commission or the state Board of Health.

At the time, Gavney and the county's elected officials had not been made aware of the MDEQ agreement issued last November.

Gavney looked for guidance from supervisors Monday after Jones had "officially" ask him to stop issuing any further building permits.

County attorney Gerald Gex said he had since received a copy of the MDEQ agreement,

and added, "It looks like you are not allowed to issue a permit." Gex said a builder would have to show the Health Department he would provide his own system to treat the raw sewage before he could proceed.

"If you issue a permit, the county is going to have to provide sewerage treatment," said Gex. He added that was virtually impossible since the system servicing Jourdan River Shores is now privately owned by TESI.

Board of Supervisors President Rocky Pullman seemed perturbed by the whole situation. He wanted the Board to fire off resolutions to MDEQ and TESI asking when the firm could bring the plant in compliance and accommodate future growth.

"I don't like the fact that people have vacant lots there and they can't do nothing about it. We're taxing them and they can't build on it," said Pullman.

He said the county would bear the brunt of the building impasse even though the board of supervisors has nothing to do with the sewerage system there or its deficiencies.

On the advice of Gex, supervisors asked County Administrator Tim Kellar to write a letter to Jones and TESI officials in Baton Rouge asking them to report on the progress they have made so far to correct the deficiencies and a final date when they will be in compliance.

In the November order, TESI was given eight months to correct deficiencies in Jourdan River Shores, which means the compliance deadline is July 1.

TESI was ordered to stop any further sludge discharge into the Jourdan River and to implement a routine sludge disposal procedure.

In addition, MDEQ said the settling tank and skimmers must be repaired or replaced and weirs cleaned and the system must install a bar screen.

TESI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECO), headquartered in Baton Rouge, La. Last December, it took over 20 sewage treatment plants and 14 water plants in Mississippi when a bankruptcy judge ordered the assets of its former owner, Johnson Utilities, Inc., sold to the highest bidder.

Supervisors also wrestled for more than a half-hour over complaints by a Shoreline Park property owner that a neighbor was running a marina at the foot of Barracuda Street without a permit; was violating several zoning regulations; and was running a construction business on the premises.

Similar complaints were lodged by Calvin Moyer almost two years ago, but he came before supervisors again to say, "The situation hasn't improved. In fact, it's gotten worse."

Gavney said he and his assistant, Bill Quinn, have gone out to the property at the foot of Barracuda Street on several occasions, and, at one point, ordered the owner, Payson Wilson, to disconnect drainage pipes he had installed in one outbuilding.

He said the state Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of

Marine Resources also checked out complaints, and found no raw sewage being dumped into the river.

He contended, "This is a neighborhood feud." He said both parties have threatened each other at different times.

Gavney said Moyer's claim that a construction business was now being run out of the site was unfounded. He said wood and other material was being hauled into the area because Wilson had notified him, he plans to build a 2,000-square-foot house on his property.

Moyer also complained people were living on boats tied to a bulkhead, and dumping raw sewage into the Jourdan River, but Gavney said regulating authorities can't do anything unless they are caught in the act. He later furnished supervisors the regulations from the U.S. Coast Guard, which says federal regulations do not prohibit discharge of gray water from sinks, shower drains or scoopers into the water. Moyers complained those living on the boat were showering in a nearby shed, which has no drains.

Near the end of the meeting, supervisors touched on another thorny issue. A majority implied the board might be leaning toward adopting separate fees for appealing zoning decisions.

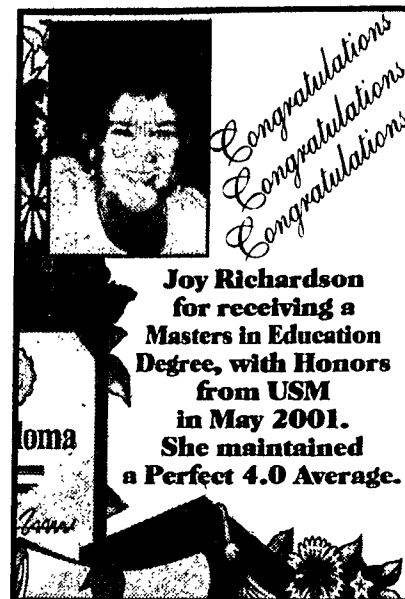
Originally, Gex had suggested those appealing zoning decisions post a \$500 bond to appeal to supervisors, but in recent public hearing, individual property owners said the fee is too high, even though they would be returned what-

ever money is not spent.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand said she favored requiring individual property owners to post a \$250 bond and commercial builders to post a \$500 appeal bond.

However, District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour left the meeting earlier for a doctor's visit, and fellow supervisors delayed taking any action until the May 21 meeting.

The Planning and Zoning Commission, at the request of supervisors, has already adopted the \$500 fee for all appeals, and unless supervisors rescind the order, it becomes effective sometime in July.



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## Rubbish -- getting tougher

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missioners voted 5-0 to approve two additional rubbish sites in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center, but denied another opposed by residents from Hancock County and Picayune living along state Hwy. 43.

From the outset of the meeting, it was apparent the authority wanted to take a final vote on three rubbish site requests that had been pending since a public hearing last March. On Monday, the board of supervisors voted to allow County Administrator Tim Kellar to come to the meeting and cast a proxy vote for commissioner and District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand. She could not attend the meeting because her mother was undergoing surgery in New Orleans, she said later.

Pullman said Kellar was authorized only to cast Cowand's vote on the pending rubbish sites, and could not vote on other issues coming before the authority. Besides Pullman and Kellar, mayors Eddie Favre and Tommy Longo were present, along with former mayor John Mason, commissioner and Bay St. Louis Councilman Tad Black did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

Pullman made the motion to approve two of the rubbish site applications, and to deny the application by TCB Construction for a 25-acre site in the Catahoula Community off Hwy. 43 and Rifle Range Road.

"We had more people opposed to this site than on any other site we have ever considered," said Pullman.

Dorothy Capanali, who lives at 20383 Hwy. 43 in Picayune, had led the charge against the

rubbish site at the public hearing March 26 and presented a petition containing signatures of 165 people who opposed it. She said the proposed site would be only six-tenths of a mile from her subdivision and only 1.8 miles from another rubbish site already located off Hwy. 43.

The vote was 5-0 to deny TCB's application.

Approved were: Joey Boudin's application for an 80-acre rubbish site in the Bayou LaCroix Community off U.S. Hwy. 90 and Rifle Range Road; and W.C. Fore Construction's application for a 40-acre site in Bayou LaCroix, also located off Hwy. 90 and Rifle Range Road.

The new rubbish sites require the county to amend its 20-year Solid Waste Plan on file with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

The authority also passed a motion for Consultant Bill Johnson of Compton Engineering to present the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for its concurrence, then forward the two applications to MDEQ for action.

Kellar left immediately after the vote, and as Johnson began to brief commissioners on pending requests for additional rubbish sites.

Johnson said last December, James A. Thigpen filed application to open up a 13.3 rubbish site in the buffer zone off state Hwy. 607 near the north gate of NASA. And, he added, Charles Henley, who currently has three rubbish sites, wanted to increase his acreage at one site to 38.6 acres and asked to be upgraded from a Class II to a Class I rubbish site. The two

applications would require another amendment to the Solid Waste Plan and another public hearing.

The Class II sites are former dirt mining pits which DEQ has permitted, and the owners are now filling in the pits, taking in mainly construction debris, tree trunks and other vegetation collected from lots they are clearing.

Curtis Johnson, president of Mississippi Pumping, operates the only Class I rubbish site in Hancock County located on Fire Tower Road off Hwy. 43. No household garbage or hazardous material is allowed, but Hancock County residents dump household appliances, old furniture, tree stumps and other materials for free. Commercial haulers are charged a fee.

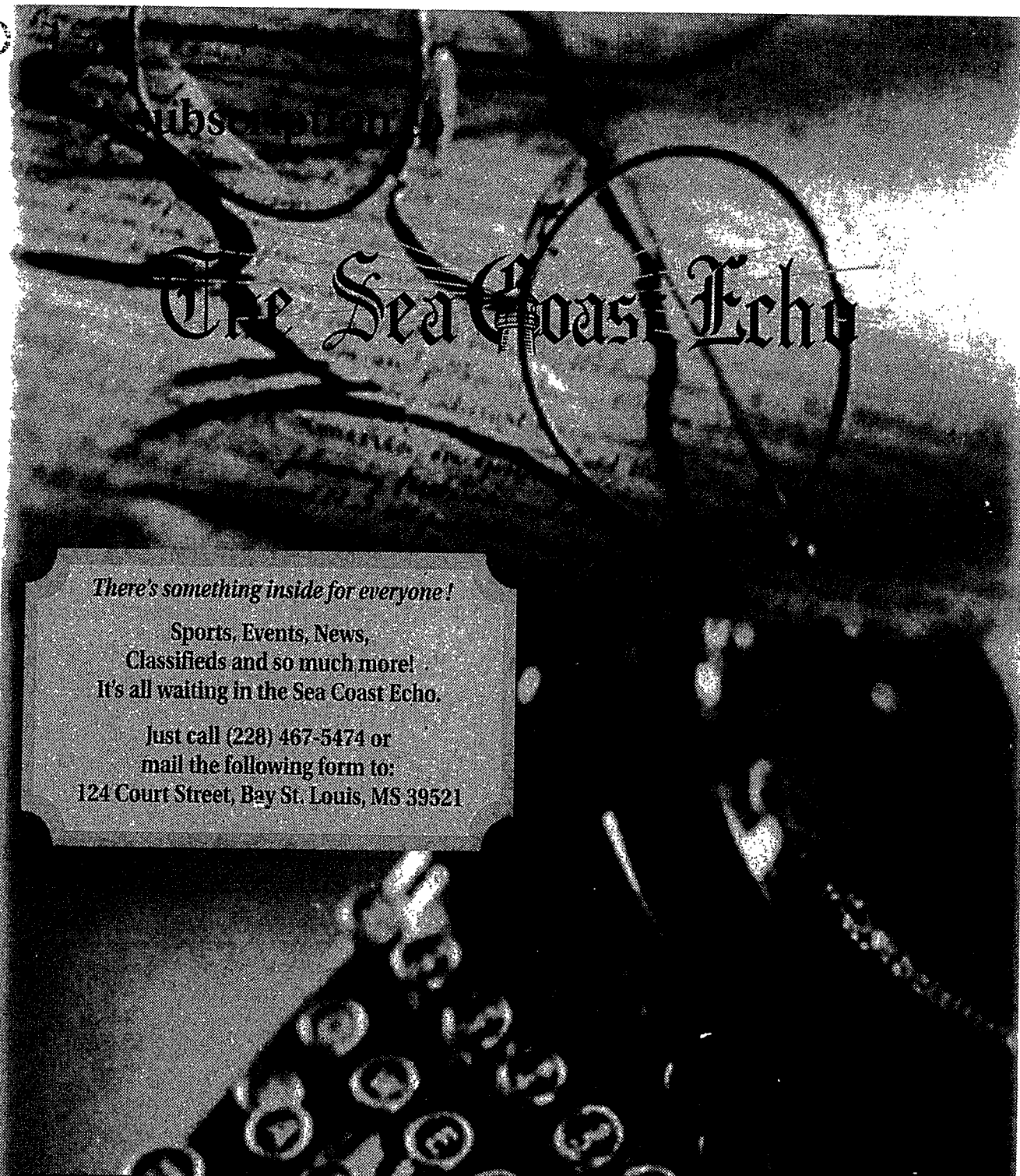
At first, Favre suggested the authority get some guidance from MDEQ on whether to allow any more rubbish sites. Approval of the latest two brings to 12 the total rubbish sites located in Hancock County.

Pullman seized the moment to say, "Maybe this is a prime time to say, we're locking the door." He said applicants spend a lot of money upfront before their request for rubbish sites are even considered, and, "Maybe, we should stop it now before someone spends a lot of money."

That led Favre to make the motion notifying residents the authority would accept applications, but "would not entertain" them until further notice.

The motion passed 4-0. Since it had been pending since December, Favre managed to pass another motion to allow

the Thigpen application to go forward. Commissioners indicated they would not even "entertain" Henley's request to upgrade his site.



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## Funeral -- Simons

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Simons shot and killed 40-year-old Bulldog employee Charles R. Strong before turning the long-barreled .44 Magnum rifle on himself, and taking his own life.

Kellar told supervisors he contacted a relative of Simons who lived out of town, and he was told the family could not afford to have his body transported from Bay St. Louis, and asked him to dispose of the remains as he saw fit.

The news was hard for supervisors to swallow, and led board President Rocky Pullman to wonder out loud, "What did they do with the gun? That

must have some kind of value."

Kellar said it was probably seized as evidence by the Hancock County's Sheriff's Department or the Bay St. Louis Police Department, but supervisors reasoned there was no need to keep it because there would be no trial.

Supervisors reluctantly declared Simons a pauper and authorized the \$500 expenditure, but passed a resolution directing the Sheriff's Department or Bay Police to sell the weapon and return the proceeds from the sale back to the county.

While the county footed the

bill for Simons, friends of Strong have set up a memorial fund for his two children at Union Planters Bank. You can make donations to the Don Fayard Memorial Fund for Richard Strong.

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### Spring Fling

Hancock Medical Center Foundation Board President Lee Seglund, left, and Catherine Green-Dotson of The Image Company coordinate fashions for a May 18 benefit fashion show/luncheon at the Diamondhead Country Club. Other local clothing stores participating include L.L. Ltd. and Just Judy's of Diamondhead and Bridalair of Bay St. Louis. Tickets are \$20 payable to the Hancock Medical Center Foundation. For information, call 255-3451 or 467-8790.

## USMGC graduates its first interdisciplinary studies major

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast graduated its first Interdisciplinary Studies major at its commencement ceremony May 12.

Franchelle Daniels, 30, is the first student to complete the bachelor's of interdisciplinary studies degree.

Daniels, who focused on psychology and criminal justice in earning her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies, had attended Southern Miss in Hattiesburg until the challenges of being a single mom forced her to end her studies in 1995.

Last year, though, she enrolled at USMGC, where she was steered toward the interdisciplinary studies program.

The program provides more flexibility for college students choosing courses that cross departmental lines. It is a

broad, non-specialized major designed for students who have some college credits, possibly earned at a variety of institutions, and is designed to provide incentive for those students and to encourage more non-traditional students to complete their bachelor's degree.

"If I can accomplish what I have done, then anybody can do it," said Daniels, who will become the first college graduate in her family. "I highly recommend the interdisciplinary

studies major as a valuable career tool."

Daniels will integrate what she learned in psychology and criminal justice courses at her new job as assistant to the victim's assistance coordinator for the Harrison County District Attorney's Office in Biloxi, where she will work with crime victims.

For more information on the interdisciplinary studies degree contact Dr. Joe Hill, USMGC academic dean at (228) 867-8795.

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Topics to be covered include prescribed burns, wetland management, marketing timber, and information on the Sundial Nature Trail. The cost is \$7 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Send check or money order to Hancock/Harrison County Forestry Association, P.O. Drawer Z, Gulfport, MS 39502-0045. For details, call (228) 865-4227. The deadline for registration is May 11.

## Redbeans and rice for Scouts

The second annual Redbeans and Rice Dinner for Boy Scouts of America Troop 630 is set for this Friday, May 11, at the National Guard Armory at 3016 Longfellow Dr., from 4-8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each, or \$15 for the whole family.

## Registration open for summer GED

Preregistration for the Hancock County Library System's summer GED preparation classes is now open. Classes will begin Monday, June 4.

The 11-week independent study will include tutor-assisted instruction and will consist of classes in basic skills and GED preparation.

Classes in math and writing will meet Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30 to 8 p.m. June 4 through August 14 at the Waveland Library Literacy Center at 333 Coleman Avenue.

Out-of-school adults, 18 years or older, who need basic remedial/literacy services in order to improve basic skills to attain a GED are eligible for the program.

Persons interested in registering for the program should come to the Waveland Library Literacy Center or call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

## Mississippi oyster reef closed due to safety concern

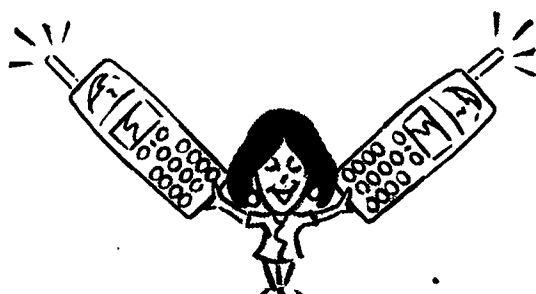
The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the closing of Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, effective May 8 at 4 p.m., because of safety concerns related to navigation.

Area II "D" Conditionally Approved Waters includes the public oyster reefs in St. Louis Bay between the Hwy. 90 Bridge and the CSX Railroad Bridge.

For more information with respect to the open and closed areas, call the 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (220) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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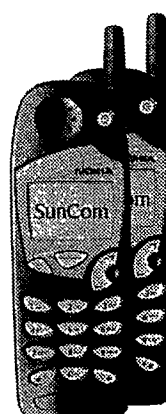
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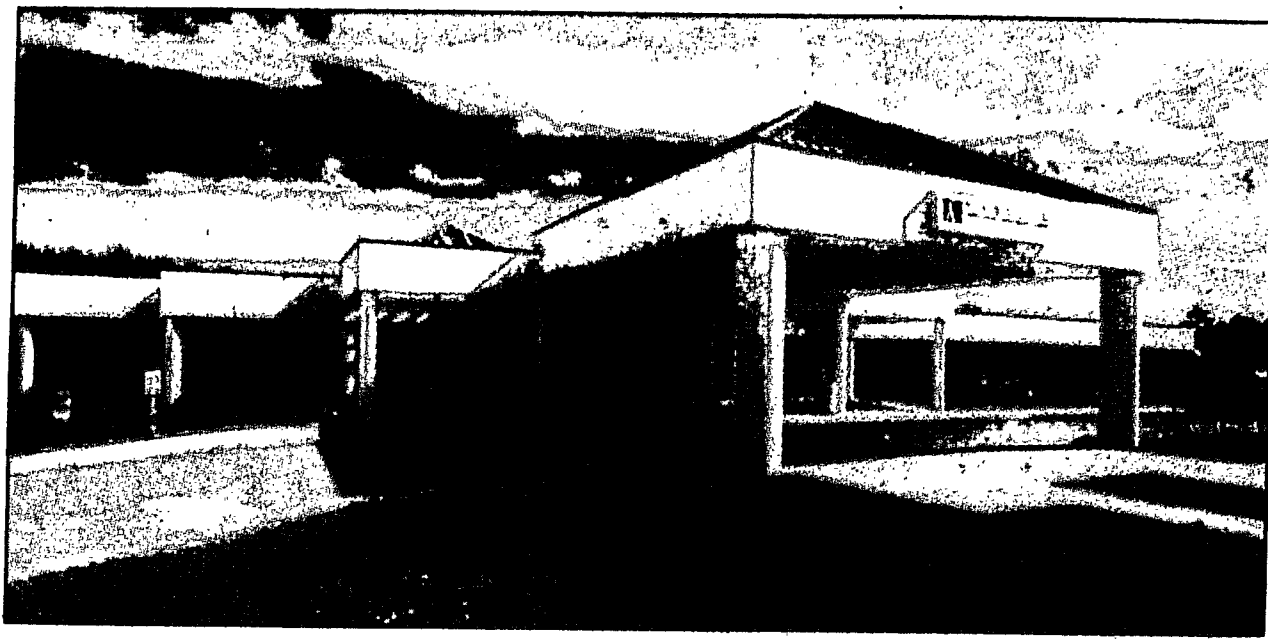
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Bermudagrass is the most widely grown turfgrass in Mississippi because of its adaptation to climates and soil types.

Bermudagrass forms a dense, attractive sod. It spreads primarily through stolons, although rhizomes do play a part in its aggressive growth habits. It is not unusual for stolons to grow six feet in one year when spreading over bare ground.

This aggressiveness makes bermudagrass the preeminent turf for areas of high traffic, since it can spread quickly to cover damaged areas. Bermudagrasses also have good wear tolerance.

The major limiting factor to bermudagrass growth is the amount of sunlight it requires. They do not tolerate continuous shading and only tolerate partial shade for half a day.

It is best to have full sun for the highest quality lawn. Bermudagrass is responsive to management. Quality lawns require large amounts of fertilizer and water and frequent mowing.

Although bermudagrass is drought-tolerant, it has a high water requirement to produce an attractive turf. Bermudagrass is adapted to a range of soil types and survives in alkaline and acid conditions, but it prefers well-drained soils with a pH of 6 to 7.

The vigor of bermudagrass is reduced on poorly drained soils, but it produces an acceptable turf on clay soils. Bermudagrass is the most tolerant turfgrass to being submerged and is the preferred grass for stream bank planting.

Bermudagrass is easily planted and is the most rapidly established of all the grasses. Common bermudagrass is established from seed. Sahara and others are improved varieties.

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## Bay St. Louis: A Place of Art



"Seated Nude," 14" diameter ceramic work by New Orleans artist Gail Blank, is one of many works on display in downtown Bay St. Louis on May 12 for Olde Town's Second Saturday Artwalk.

## Second Saturday Artwalk is May 12

Stroll the streets of "Olde Town," visit the galleries, dine on delicious food and linger in the shops. From 5-8 p.m., enjoy refreshments, live music and receptions for the artists.

Three galleries will be highlighted this month:

**BAY CRAFTS** - 107 N. Beach Blvd., 228-466-2501, is proud to present an exhibit by the Bay High School students under the tutelage of Annadella Blackledge, a renowned local artist.

The students will be creating two dimensional and three dimensional work with a variation of theme and media.

This is the first Bay High exhibit which has been open to the public. The artists' work will be judged, and "Stained Glass By Richie" will sponsor the trophies.

**GALLERY NOHRA** - 220 Bookter St., 228-466-0900, invites you to join them in a retrospective exhibit of artist and architect Monica P. Castaneda's 5 1/2 years on the Gulf Coast.

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## New Orleans artist shows naked ambition

**SPECIAL TO THE ECHO**  
Artist Gail Blank will be opening a show of her latest ceramics and etchings at Quarter Moon

Gallery in Bay Saint Louis May 12 during the 2nd Saturday Artwalk.

The show, entitled "Pots and Pans" features a collection of her distinctive figurative raku ceramics and a new series of etchings.

Blank has developed a large following during her 30 year career as an artist, both in her native city of New Orleans and on the West Coast, where she lived and taught for many years. She's a popular fixture on the Gulf Coast as well,

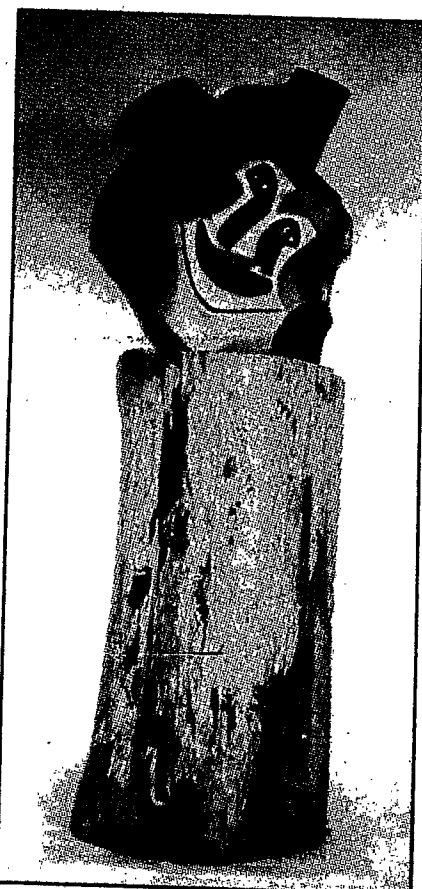
receiving the prestigious Peter Anderson Potters' Award on two separate occasions.

The artist's sense of humor is apparent in all of her work, both prints and pottery. Even the name of this show is a pun alluding to the mythological character Pan.

The imagery she uses in these figurative works are often inspired by what she calls her "mythological muse. I want to remind people that even everyday things can contain extraordinary meaning," she says.

She goes on to explain her love of the figurative in her work. "I'm fascinated with

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## Coast-native Davidson on display at Serenity Gallery

**SPECIAL TO THE ECHO**  
Second Saturday at Serenity Gallery on Main Street in Bay Saint Louis will feature Mississippi Gulf Coast native Mary Ott Davidson.

Davidson, the creator of the life-size bronze statues of Iberville in Biloxi and his brother Bienville in the Tercentennial Park in Bay Saint Louis, will be displaying new sculpture works.

Done in collaboration with her husband, Dr. Kenneth Davidson, these new works suggest movement toward a cosmological attitude using a combination of bronze, wood, and marble.

The general theme is Relationships, a phenomena that we cannot escape from the time we are born. Davidson's subject matter flows from surreal to abstract as she is intrigued with the challenge to work through allusive and formal concerns.

Davidson prefers native woods, and her back yard has been the primary source as well as an inspirational laboratory. The bronze components in the sculptures were cast at the Davidson's Foundry.

As a teacher at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis

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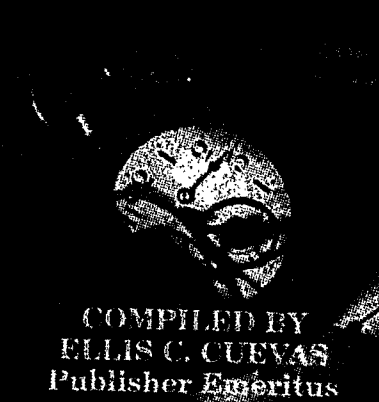
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### TEN YEARS AGO

May 12, 1991 - Superintendent Terrell Randolph of the Hancock County School District received approval Monday by the school board to request the state to transfer possession of the Pearl River Community College Vocational Technical Center to the control of the district. If all goes as the superintendent described to the board, the Pearl River Community College Center will become the Hancock County Vocational Technical Center, and secondary school programs there may be increased to better serve the needs of local students.

The 11th Annual Beach Front Festival, slated for Sunday, May 19, could very aptly be called a music festival.

### Back in Time



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Publisher Emeritus

This year's includes Dixieland Country, oldies and the fusion of Jo-El Sonier. Sonier, a Louisiana native, gives his listeners a unique blend of Cajun, country, rock and blues. Other groups include U.S. Air Force Dixieland Band, Huey, Sherry and

Company, Pat Murphy Band, John Fred and the Playboy Band, Night Shift, Southland Express, and Ziggy Zagg.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

May 10, 1981 - Crew members of the first Space Shuttle Mission, showered compliments on National Space Technology Laboratories engine testing personnel while visiting the Hancock County facility Friday morning. NSTL tested and perfected the Shuttle orbiter's three engines and liquid propellant tank. Shuttle Astronauts Comdr. John Young and Pilot Robert Crippin both reported the craft's engines operated flawlessly and were relatively 'smooth' riding and quiet.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

May 11, 1961 - Employees of Hancock General Hospital will be asked in the next month whether they want to come under benefits of the State Retirement System. The board of trustees Tuesday night directed Administrator Tom Louge to invite a representative of the retirement system to outline its benefits to the staff when he comes here to discuss how employee meals should be listed for Social Security or tax purposes.

Kings Daughters recognized. (Photo) Hospital Administrator Tom Louge and T.T. Reboul, Jr., president of Hancock General board of trustees, pose with Mrs. Ben F. Hille and Mrs. E.P. Kirkpatrick, board members of the old Kings Daughters and Sons Hospital, which preceded

the present institution, besides a plaque noting this organization's operating the hospital from 1921 to 1958.

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### FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 5, 1951 - Caroline Kiefer, chairman of the newly organized Park Commission, was guest speaker at the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club Wednesday at their regular luncheon hour. Mrs. Kiefer was asked to speak on the new Park Commission's duties and what headway has been made. The

intention and hope of the commission, Mrs. Kiefer said, was to have a playground, sand beach and a public pier.

### SIXTY YEARS AGO

May 9, 1941 - Friday, May 2, marked the graduation of the Kiln Vocational High School when nine boys and girls received certificates of graduation. On Sunday, April 28, preceding the graduation, Rev. J.L. Smith, pastor of the Bay St. Louis Methodist Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon. Those receiving certificates were Bertha Mae Ladner, valedictorian; Beulah Nicaise, salutatorian; Eleanor Lee, Mamie Rester, Margie Gargia, Helen Olsen, Clarence Cuevas,

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# Entertainment

## May entertainment at Casino Magic BSL

**Free in the Main Lobby:**  
Bobby Allison, Tues., Wed.,  
Saturday & Sunday noon - 4  
p.m.

Terry Stokes, Mondays at 8  
p.m., Comedy Hypnotist  
Below shows at 8 & 10:30  
p.m., Tuesday - Saturday  
At 6 & 8:30 p.m. Sundays  
Pure Gold, May 13  
Al "Lil Fats" Jackson, May 15

20  
Stan Wayne's Heart & Soul,  
May 22 - June 3

**May Entertainment in the  
Magic Entertainment  
Complex:**

Honky Tonk Tailgate Party,  
May 11 at 9 p.m., \$10, \$12 &  
\$15

Featuring Daryle Singletary,  
Rhett Akins & Jeff Carson  
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10 p.m., free

Percy Sledge, May 25 & 26 at  
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Tuesday, June 12

Monday, June 18  
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Monday, July 16

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## Honky Tonk Tailgate Party comes to Bay Magic

The Honky Tailgate Party  
Tour is the brainstorm of three  
good friends - Rhett Akins,  
Daryle Singletary and Jeff  
Carson. They launched the tour  
Feb. 2, sharing their musical  
talents and exploring the  
depths of what they have to  
offer as musicians, artists and  
songwriters for their fans.

Now the tour comes to  
Casino Magic Bay St. Louis  
Friday, May 11 at 9 p.m. Tickets  
are \$10, \$12 & \$15 and may be  
purchased at the Casino Magic  
Box Office or through any  
Ticketmaster Outlet.

RHETT AKINS, born and  
raised in Valdosta, Georgia,  
launched his career in 1995  
with his debut album, A  
Thousand Memories. Two addi-  
tional albums followed -  
"Somebody New" and "What  
Livin's All About," each on Decca  
Records.

During his career, Akins has  
placed several singles at the top  
of the charts including "She  
Said Yes," "Don't Get Me  
Started," "That Ain't My  
Truck," "Better Than It Used To  
Be" and "More Than  
Everything." One of the career  
achievements he is very proud  
of is serving as the National  
Music Industry spokesperson  
for the Boys and Girls Clubs of  
America. Akins was accustomed  
to the work the clubs do having  
spent a lot of time at the Boys  
Club in his hometown as a child.

"It's the giving, not the tak-  
ing, that makes life worth-  
while," says Akins, and lending  
his celebrity status to help out  
with

such a worthwhile organiza-  
tion was his way of giving back.  
Since Decca Records closed its  
doors in 1999, Akins has spent  
much of his time concentrating  
on his songwriting, but working  
shows on the road often fills his  
calendar.

JEFF CARSON, born in  
Tulsa, Okla., raised in Gravette,  
Ark., debuted his first album in  
1995 Jeff Carson - The album  
created two remarkable hit  
songs, "Not On Your Love," and  
"The Car," which received the  
1996 Academy of Country  
Music Award for Video of the  
Year. This strong career launch  
established him as a contender  
in the country music field gar-  
nering attention as Billboard  
Magazine's 1995 Top New  
Country Artist and one of  
Country America Magazine's

Top 10 New Artists of 1996 and  
Carson soon followed with the  
Butterfly Kisses album.

Additional chart topping  
songs include "Shine On,"  
"Holdin' On To Something,"  
"Scars & All," "Yeah Buddy"  
and "The Last Mile." His third  
album for Curb Records is due  
out later this year, with a new  
single due soon.

DARYLE SINGLETARY,  
born in Whigham, Ga., made his  
move to Nashville after realiz-  
ing that a singing career was a  
true possibility for him.

After stints on the road as a  
roadie with Tanya Tucker and  
an office job with Lib Hatcher  
Management, the management  
office for Randy Travis,  
Singletary landed his first  
record deal with Giant Records.

With his impressive baritone  
voice and love of traditional  
sounding country music, he  
enjoyed the success of "I Let  
Her Lie" and "Too Much Fun."  
Singletary's new record deal  
with Audium Records launched  
the recent album, Now and  
Again, produced by Greg Cole.

The first single for this pro-  
ject "I Knew That I Loved You,"  
was originally a pop hit for  
Savage Garden. "A great song is  
a great song," says Daryle,  
"whether it's sung by a country  
artist or by a pop artist."

The fact that he can branch  
out in that, direction and still  
embrace the straight-ahead  
country that brought him to  
Nashville is part of what he  
cherishes about his new ven-  
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BAY CRAFTS - 107 N. Beach Blvd. - 228-466-2501. Bay Crafts presents an  
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GALLERY NOHRA - 220 Bookter St. 228-466-0900. Gallery Nohra invites  
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ings and prints will delight you. New gallery, exciting artwork.  
THE BUNGALOW - 136 Main St., 228-466-2651. Artists Russell Voss and  
Tommy Byford, will be showing their one of a kind hand blown glass vases,  
lamps and hummingbird feeders. Enjoy the quilts, stained glass, col-  
lectibles, linens, painting, pottery & hand painted Mardi Gras masks.  
Peoples Bank will sponsor live music in the 100 block of  
Main Street by "Driskill Mountain Band".  
For More Information Call Richie Zitzmann 228-467-6870

## Museum tour to 'Majesty of Spain'

The Volunteer Guild of the  
Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art is  
sponsoring a tour to Jackson for  
the viewing of *The Majesty of  
Spain*, the cultural landmark  
exhibit of the Royal Collections  
of the Museo del Prado &  
Patrimonio Nacional.

This exclusive to Mississippi  
exhibition features nearly 600  
artworks and historical objects  
from the world-famed Prado  
and four of Spain's palaces.

Exhibited are paintings by  
Goya, Mengs, and López; furni-  
ture, sculpture and tapestries; a  
royal gondola and a carriage;

letters from George Washington  
and Benjamin Franklin. A high-  
light of the exhibit is a recre-  
ation of the "Porcelain Room"  
from the palace Aranjuez.

This is the final call for reser-  
vations for the trip scheduled  
Thursday, May 17. Tickets are  
\$40 per person and include  
admission as well as the luxury  
coach.

Lunch can be purchased for  
at \$10 at the Café. For reserva-  
tions, call Janina Shoemaker at  
374-5547, or send a check  
directly to the Museum at 136  
G.E. Ohr Street, Biloxi, 39530.

## Auction offers chance to play golf with Favre

You could get a chance to  
play golf with Brett Favre.  
EBAY is teaming up with  
Grand Casino Gulfport to auc-  
tion off a deluxe package for  
charity.

The winner of the package  
will receive a private round of  
golf at Grand Bear for 4 with  
Brett Favre, three nights  
accommodations at Oasis  
Resort & Spa at Grand Casino  
Gulfport for 4 people May 17 -  
20, 4 passes to the Brett Favre  
Celebrity Golf Tournament  
Pairings Party, 4 passes to view  
the Brett Favre Celebrity Golf  
Tournament at Grand Bear,  
and 4 VIP tickets to the Tim  
McGraw concert at Grand  
Casino Gulfport on May 19th.

Winners are responsible for  
their own transportation, food,  
beverages, and incidentals.  
Minimum bid is \$10,000 and all  
proceeds will benefit the Brett  
Favre Forward Foundation, a  
501C3 corporation.

The weekend's events will  
benefit the Brett Favre Forward  
Foundation. All events are pri-  
vate with the exception of the  
Tim McGraw concert. Tickets  
are \$50 and may be purchased  
by calling TicketMaster.

To participate in the EBAY  
Fantasy Package auction, go to  
www.ebay.com and type item  
number 1236288982 in the  
search box. The bidding will  
close at 3:15pm PDT on May  
14, 2001.

## U of M offers summer music camp in June

The eighth annual  
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for students entering third  
through 12th grades.

Taught by University of  
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and outstanding local musi-  
cians, the camp is designed for  
students interested in improv-  
ing their musical skills in a fun,  
day-camp experience.

The camp is under the direc-  
tion of Barbara Laurendine,  
UM adjunct professor of music,  
and offers learning opportuni-  
ties for students interested in  
piano, voice, strings, band, wind  
ensemble, chamber music, cho-  
rus, organ, guitar, harpsichord,  
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Camp hours are 9 a.m. to  
3:30 p.m. for Senior Camp,  
grades eight through 12, and 9  
a.m. to 2 p.m. for Junior Camp,  
grades three through seven.

Fees are \$145 for Senior  
Camp and \$130 for Junior

Camp, plus a \$20 registration  
fee. Campers will receive music  
camp t-shirts. Additional pri-  
vate lessons are available upon  
request.

Full and partial tuition  
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audition, and the deadline to  
register for scholarship audi-  
tions is May 17. Deadline for  
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## Pace -- prepare lawns now

eties that can be seeded, but the hybrids and other improved types are established vegetatively.

Common bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon* L. Pers.) is found everywhere in Mississippi. The seed we buy probably was grown in Arizona. Common bermudagrass is well adapted to any area where there is full sunlight.

When compared to other species of grass, it has excellent wear tolerance, heat tolerance, and drought tolerance. It is not winter-hardy in zone 7a. Common bermudagrass is a good, inexpensive choice for areas that receive heavy traffic,

e.g., school yards, athletic fields, play areas, and rights-of-way.

It is susceptible to several diseases (dollar spot, melting out, and nematodes). These problems can be alleviated by proper maintenance and application of the correct pesticide.

Crossing common has developed improved bermudagrass. Many hybrid bermudagrasses are crossed with African Bermudagrass (*Cynodon transvaalensis* Burt-Davy).

These hybrids have shorter internodes that give a denser, lower-growing turf. The hybrids require a higher level of management than common.

Do not use the hybrids unless you are willing to devote much time and effort to their upkeep. Many of these were bred by Dr. Glen Burton and colleagues at the Tifton, Georgia Research Station and are called "Tiff types."

Tifdwarf and Tifgreen are widely recommended for use on golf greens. Tifway and Tifway II are recommended for use on athletic fields, fairways, and golf tees.

Tifgreen is often referred to as 328 while Tifway is called 419, which were their numbers while under evaluation. Homeowners should avoid these grasses because of the

high level of maintenance involved. Improved lawn types include Texturf 10, Midiron, Santa Ana, Tuffcote, No Mow, and Mississippi Choice. All of these have proven superior to common in uniformity of growth, color, or persistence.

Santa Ana was developed in California for smog resistance. Texturf 10 and No Mow have minimal seed head development. Midiron has superior cold tolerance. All of the above varieties do not produce viable seed. They must be established vegetatively.

New Mexico has recently released Sahara, an improved variety of bermudagrass that

can be seeded. Although Sahara has not performed as well in Mississippi as have the hybrids, it has been rated higher than common for color and quality. Several other improved seeded types are now available.

The Master Gardener hotline began operation March 1. Please write down the number and give our Master Gardeners a call with your home garden questions or concerns.

The number is 1-866-Garden8 (1-866-427-3368).

For more information contact the MSU Extension Service office in Hancock County at 228-467-5456 or Harrison County at 228-865-4227.



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## Bay-Waveland Yacht Club wins again

By Bernie Wolfe

The BWYC Masters team won the Masters Championship event of the Gulf Yachting Association's Opening Regatta last weekend for the third consecutive year.

The three-race regatta, hosted by Buccaneer Yacht Club of Mobile, was sailed in stiff winds and heavy seas that challenged the endurance and sailing skills of the 120 participants from Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana.

The Masters team of alternating skippers Judy Reaves and Walt Chamberlain, with Bernie Wolfe crewing, finished second, second and first in their series.

When the second race was finished, they were tied for first place with the boat that won the first race, and only one point ahead of the winner of the second race.

That put them into a must-win situation for the third race, which they did.

Clinton Edwards won the Sunfish Fleet, all the while coaching and assisting the other BWYC competitors.

Andrew Eagan crewed for Eddie Conrad (SYC) winning the 420 Fleet, and Jackson Benvenuti with John Chapoton finished fourth.

Harry Chapman crewed on the winning boat in the fish Class Celebrity Race on Sunday.

Gene Walet skipped in the same race, but didn't fare as well.

The Capdevielle team found the going much tougher with their new boat that was raced for the first time, finishing fifth overall.

Randy Santa Cruz skipped the first race, with Bishop Stieffel and Alex Boudreaux, and took third place.

Bishop Stieffel skipped the second race with Randy Santa Cruz and Gary Taylor crewing and finished fifth.

Marcus Eagan also finished fifth in race three with crew Marc Eagan and John Haden.

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club will host the event next year.

## Saturday

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"Touching Art" inspired in childhood games, paintings and prints designed for Feng Shui cures. Come by this exciting new gallery for refreshments and live music.

THE BUNGALOW - 136 Main St., 228-466-2651.

Visiting artists will be Russell Voss and Tommy Byford. Their one-of-a-kind hand-blown glass vases, lamps, paperweights and hummingbird feeders are true collector items. Gulf Coast artists will be represented with watercolors, pottery, stained glass, quilts and hand-painted

Mardi Gras masks.

There is also a fine assortment of antique linens, china, silver, furniture, milk glass and depression glass (And sugarless gourmet candy.) The artists will greet you from 5 to 8 p.m. in the "Camellia Room" in the rear of the Bungalow.

Peoples Bank will sponsor "Driskill Mountain Band" playing in the 100 block of Main Street. For additional information, contact chairman Richie Zitzmann, 228-467-6870.

## Davidson

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Campus, Davidson advises her students to "study form, whether organic or geometric, to see nature as the source of creative expression."

The artist's reception will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12. The exhibition will be on display through June 5.

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## St. Ann-St. John Church to crown Virgin Mary

Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day, there will be Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at all three masses.

At the 10:30 a.m. mass the crowning will be done by the First Communion class.

Twenty-six CCD students received their first Holy Communion May 6, including Brandi Johnson, Dakota Alley, Carl Brian Anderson Jr., Megan Chatman, Whitney Chatman, Desiree Chatman, Trevor Cook, Destiny Dedeaux, Ashley Dickinson, Amanda Dickinson, Gerald Domangue, Nickolas Greene, Jordan Lafontaine, Jarrett Lee, Richard Leonard Jr., April McSweeney, Shawn

McSweeney, Brittany Necaise, Amanda Nordin, Jessica Nordin, Kimberly Penton, Samantha Seymour, Hannah Sylvest, Amanda Walley, Patricia Warden and Destiny Lafontaine.

CCD classes will be conducted May 14, and May 21 will be the last one. Confirmation class is held the first and third Tuesday of the month. Catholic Sharing Appeal will be May 19-20. Deacon Roberto Jimenez will speak at all masses on that weekend. Commitment Week will be May 26-27. The Holy Infant of Good Health and Triduum and Feast Day begins Wednesday, May 16.

The Feast Day Mass will be Sunday, May 20.

Procession preceding mass begins at 2:30 p.m., followed by mass at 3 p.m.

A "Fiesta" will be after mass in the pavilion at St. Ann Church. Everyone is invited.

Daily mass at St. Ann is 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Confessions before mass and by appointment.

## Red drum season closed May 9

Commercial fishing season for red drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) closed in Mississippi territorial waters Wednesday, May 9, at 6 a.m. The season will remain closed until Oct. 1 at 12:01 a.m. The closing of com-

mercial red drum season is issued under the authority of Section 49-15-15 (1) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 and Order of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (Dec. 5, 1995).

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people's body language, their furtive glances, the shape of their mouths, their hands, their body stance - all to communicate their feelings, or to hide them. I try to make my work "questionable" and allow the viewer to interpret as they wish. The story then becomes theirs."

The work will be on display and for sale through June 7.

Blank will be on hand from 5-8 p.m. to answer questions and discuss her techniques during the artists reception on May 12. Refreshments served.

Quarter Moon Gallery is located at 146 Main Street, next to the Courthouse in Old Town Bay Saint Louis. For information, contact Ellis Anderson at (228) 467-7279.

## Time

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B.L. Dosset and Emmitt Ladner. Miss Katherine Harris was sponsor of the class. First and second honors were won by Donald Mauffray and Roy Moran.

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## CORRECTION NOTICE

On page 3 of the May 10th Sears Hometown preprint, the vacuum model 21195 is incorrectly pictured. The 21195 model is a straight suction model and does not have a powermate head or powermate junior attachment. Copy, price, and savings are correct for the 21195 model. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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The SeaCoast Echo

## SPORTS

## HHS &amp; SSC thinclads advance to state meet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The South State Class 4A track meet was held at Hancock High School on Saturday, May 5, in Kiln. The Hancock Hawks and the St. Stanislaus Rock-aways qualified runners to participate in the elite State Track Meet to be held in Jackson at Hughes Field on Friday, May 11. The top four finishers in each event move on to the state meet.

Team standings for the boys showed SSC scored 23 points to finish 11th out of 25 teams participating followed by Hancock with 18 points in 14th place overall. Bay High scored two points to finish 20th overall. The Hancock girls scored 10 points followed by the Bay High girls' five points. Crystal Springs scored 115 points to win the boys South State title and take the inside track to a Class 4A team championship. Christy Fairley and Octavia Carter led the George County girls team to a fourth straight South State title. The Lady Rebels will be gunning for a fourth consecutive Class 4A state title on Friday in Jackson.

On the girls side, Morgan Nicaise of Hancock qualified to go to Jackson in the shot put with a fourth place finish. Her best throw was 27'9".

Dustin Hicks and Jason Phillips, both Hancock Hawks, qualified in the 1600m run and the high jump, respectively.

Hicks ran a 4:47.10 in the

1600m run to finish third overall. Phillips placed third in the high jump with a height of 6'2".

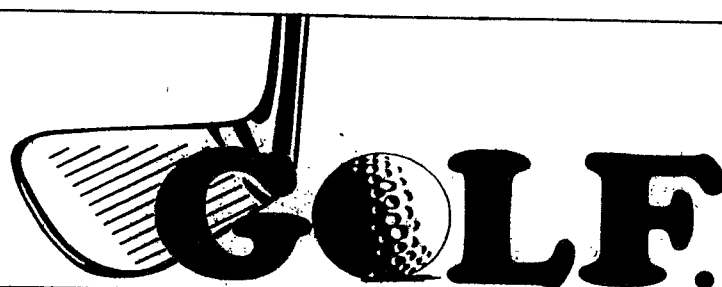
SSC will send three athletes to the state meet on Friday. Brent Acker, Kyle Lewis, and Grady Willis will represent the Rocks in the 800m run, 3200m run, and the 200m dash, respectively.

Acker ran a personal best 2:05.10 in the 800m run to finish third overall. Lewis also ran a personal best 10:26.12 in the 3200m run to qualify in fourth overall. Grady Willis ran a 24.17 in the 200m dash to advance to the state meet after placing fourth overall in South State.

Other South State participants for Hancock were Damion Cuevas in the pole vault, Becky Amacker, and the boys 800m relay team. Cuevas finished fifth in the pole vault with a vault of 9'6". Amacker threw the discus for the Lady Hawks finishing sixth overall with a distance of 87'. The Hancock boys 800m relay team finished seventh with a time of 1:43.16.

Cheick Sanankoua competed in the high jump for SSC but did not make a height at the meet while the boys 1600m relay team finished in sixth after running a team season best time of 3:42.81.

Tim Wright of Bay High placed seventh in the 300m intermediate hurdles with a time of 49.91 while Sharmaine Rieux placed seventh in the 100m dash with a time of 13.37.



## Golf tourney to benefit Boys and Girls Club

Members of the Pass Christian Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast will host the 2nd annual Pass Christian Unit Golf Tournament at the Pass Christian Isles Golf Club, Friday, May 11.

Purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Pass Christian Unit. According to Tournament Chairman Gwen Voight, the tournament is a "major source of funding for our club, and all the event proceeds will benefit the Pass Christian Unit."

The event, scheduled to kick off at 12:30 with a Scramble, will include prizes, drinks, box lunches, snacks and a cash bar. The \$100-per-person entry fee covers green fees, golf cart,

lunch, snacks and beverages.

Four golfers will win deluxe accommodations for two a Beau Rivage including dinner a La Cucina and tickets to "Lord of the Dance," while all golfers will have the chance to win a pleasure boat, a new car, or a new golf cart.

Community residents rallied together in support of the Pass Christian Club in the former Middle School on Clark Street. The club, which opened last June, is open to all youth age's 6-18 and provides after-school and summer programs.

If you are interested in participating in or supporting the tournament, contact Gwen Voights at 452-9817 or the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast at 374-2330.

## Pass Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association May 1 Low Net Over the Field winners include:

18 Holes: Doris Steffen, winner; Jolee Burrus, second, Mac Cromwell, third, Doris Lackie,

fourth; Pat Bartman, fifth; Dee Horst, sixth; Inge Crochet, putts 9 Holes: Mary Jo Jones, first; Babs Robie, second; Paulene Burdette, third; Suzie Michaels, fourth

## DWGA results for May 3

Diamondhead Women's Golf Association Trophy Day, winners May 3 include:

Low Net Winner Over the Field: Til Garrison  
Championship Flight:  
Low Gross, Pauline Haas  
1st Low Net, Phyllis Lilley  
2nd Low Net, Cleo Watson  
First Flight:  
Low Gross, Yvonne Luck  
1st Low Net,  
Darlene  
Ray  
2nd  
Low  
Net,

Second Flight:  
Low Gross, Margaret Hill  
1st Low Net, Maggie MacMillan  
2nd Low Net, Mary Clare Skaggs  
Third Flight:  
Low Gross, JoAnne Smith  
1st Low Net, Marilyn Valentino  
2nd Low Net, Dot Morrison

Conservation Corner  
100,000 acres of wetlands restored in state

By James L. Cummins, Jr.  
Wetlands are valuable to different people for different reasons.

Some prize wetlands for the rich wildlife and fish resources found there, others see wetlands as important areas for sediment retention, improving water quality, ground water recharge and flood control.

According to Peyton Self, president of Wildlife Mississippi, "Three-fourths of the wetlands in the United States are controlled by private landowners. These remaining wetlands provide essential habitat for waterfowl and other wetland-dependent wildlife and if we are to ever increase their population, incentives such as the Wetland Reserve Program will not only enable interested landowners to develop waterfowl habitat, but will help compensate them for removing their land from agricultural production."

The Wetlands Reserve Program, which is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is one of the landmark environmental steps in the 1990 and 1996 Farm Bills.

It is a voluntary program that offers technical and financial assistance to landowners who have previously converted wetlands to cropland or pastureland.

Landowners who qualify are compensated for the value of their land in exchange for restoring these areas back to wildlife habitat.

Since 1992, the year Mississippi began participating in the Wetland Reserve Pilot Program, there have been 249 easements enrolled in Mississippi encompassing 100,000 acres.

In addition to restoration, WRP provides financial support to agricultural producers by purchasing wetland easements on their high risk, high cost agricultural lands that are frequently flooded.

The Wetlands Reserve

Program was created as a voluntary land-retirement program designed to assist eligible landowners in restoring and protecting wetlands using three options. These options include permanent easements, 30-year easements and restoration cost-share agreements.

Mississippi has the second largest enrollment of land in the Wetland Reserve Program in the nation.

Because the program is so popular with landowners, applications are backlogged on more than 47,000 acres. Since 1992, reforestation of WRP bottomlands forests has been completed on approximately 68,000 acres using direct-seeding techniques and planting of bare-root seedlings.

Additionally, the restoration of hydrology has been completed on approximately 12,000 acres. Currently, working through partnerships, the Natural Resources Conservation Service is restoring an estimated 10,000 acres of wildlife habitat annually.

The Wetland Reserve Program has been strongly supported by Senators Cochran and Lott and Congressmen Thompson and Pickering. All involved with it should be proud of its accomplishments.

James L. Cummins is executive director of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Stoneville, Mississippi. Known as "Wildlife Mississippi," the Foundation is a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi.

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# SPORTS

## Fire Dogs hold back Storm 44-33

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Fire Dogs (4-1) got back into the win column on Saturday, May 5 in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum when they calmed the winds of the previously undefeated Sioux Falls Storm (4-1) 44-33 before a crowd of 850 fans.

While the game was not in jeopardy in the first half, the Fire Dogs were without one of their premier offensive threats in Kenny Causey. He was married during the afternoon and showed up to help his teammates hold off the Storm in the second half.

The Fire Dogs built a 20-13 lead over the Storm by halftime on a pair of first half rushing touchdowns by Dexter Thomas.

When Causey joined his teammates at the start of the third quarter, he capped off the first drive with a three-yard scoring catch to make the score 27-13. With just under a minute left Lamont Woodberry added to the Fire Dog lead with a two-yard touchdown reception to make the tally 34-19; however, the Storm got back into contention on the ensuing kickoff. Bobby Perkins returned the

kickoff 57 yards for the score to close the gap to 34-27.

Causey, always a threat with the pigskin, returned the kickoff from Sioux Falls 45 yards to the Storm five-yardline as time expired in the third quarter. The return set up Tim Hardaway's 19-yard field goal just after the final quarter started. The successful kick made the score 37-27.

Sioux Falls threatened later in the fourth period when they drove down to the Mississippi 19 yardline; however, Storm kicker Nate Krull missed his fourth field goal of the game with nine minutes remaining.

Causey eased all concerns of the Fire Dog faithful when he caught consecutive passes of 26 and 17 yards. Causey's catches moved the Fire Dogs down to the Storm two yardline where tailback Tyrone Ashley powered the ball in for the final score.

The Fire Dogs head to the road for the next two games before coming back to the friendly confines of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on May 27 at 6pm. For more information on tickets to see the Fire Dogs, please call 228-388-1876.

## Fire Dogs name Players of the Week

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the National Indoor Football League (NIFL), have announced the "team's" selections for offensive, defensive and special team players of the game, after the Fire Dogs' 44-33 win in the Dog House, against the previously undefeated Sioux Falls Storm.

First-year Running Back #22 Dexter Thomas was selected offensive player of the game. Thomas had two touchdowns on the ground while rushing for 28 yards on seven carries and catching one pass for 10 yards.

Head Coach Irvin Favre said, "Dexter is a very exciting player to watch. He can break one at any time, that's something you can't coach. He does it all for us, heck he even made three special team tackles this week."

Defensive player of the game goes to the entire Defensive unit consisting of Defensive Linemen #77 Jimmie Myles,

#99 Stacy Wilson, #78 Tim Bell and #75 Derrick Cagins, Line Backers #33 Monte Gatlin and #12 Bobby Doyle, Defensive Backs #25 Kevin Bouis, #29 Terrance Dickerson, #45 John Carr and #23 Terrell Sutton.

Favre said, "We played great team defense, eight tackles for loss, two interceptions and two sacks, we tackled well and swarmed to the football. It was an outstanding effort defensively."

Special teams player of the game goes to second year Kicker #6 Tim Hardaway who made all five of his extra point attempts and three of four field goals.

Favre said, "Hardaway has been mister consistency for us so far this season. We can't ask much more of our kicker."

The 3-1 Fire Dogs will travel to Monroe Saturday, May 12 to take on the 0-4 Bayou Beasts.

## FOOTBALL.update

## Ladner tabbed All-American

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

One of Hancock County's own has been recently named a high school All-American. Josh Ladner, a senior at Hancock High School, has been named to the Bigger, Faster, Stronger All-American Team for the fall season.

Bigger, Faster, Stronger is a national strength and conditioning organization that is based out of Utah. They have been publishing an All-American team since the early 1970s.

To be named to the team, an athlete is measured on

strength, speed, grade point average, and community/school service. Ladner is the first Hancock Hawk to receive such an honor.

Ladner was named to the All-Division 7 Class 4A and All-Sea Coast Echo football teams. He was the region champion in powerlifting during his junior and senior campaigns and participated in the state powerlifting meet both years.

Currently, he is the state record holder in the bench press for the 275-pound weight class. Ladner plans to play football at Millsaps College in Jackson in 2001.

## State Games of Mississippi needs you

The State Games of Mississippi is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help at the 2001 Games, the state's premier amateur sports festival, scheduled for June 15-17 and June 21-24 in Meridian.

The State Games of Mississippi is the state's largest amateur multi-sports festival for athletes of all ages and abilities. State Games promises to provide fun as well as an exciting challenge for aspiring athletes who wish to experience the thrills of formal Olympic-style competition.

"Volunteering is a wonderful way to participate in the games without being an athlete. Without the support of our volunteers, the State Games would not be the event that it is today," said April Luke, executive director of the 2001 State Games. "We want all of our volunteers to know that we know that we appreciate their devoted time and energy to make the Games the best it can be."

On site and behind the scenes, the State Games utilizes more than 450 volunteers who continuously work to help the Games flourish into a spectacular sportsfest. Volunteer assignments are now available with an average work shift of four to six hours.

Event duties range from ticket taking, equipment setup, timing, scoring, measuring distances, registration of athletes and delivering water and other supplies. Service duties include answering phones, registration, score reporting, media communications and parade logistics at the opening ceremonies.

The first weekend of State Games competition begins with the opening ceremonies Friday, June 15, in Meridian and features the Parade of Athletes, the torch lighting and fireworks.

Classic rock band U.S. will provide the entertainment. All volunteers for the State Games of Mississippi will receive a free State Games volunteer t-shirt, ticket to the opening ceremonies and an invitation to the State Games volunteer reception.

The volunteer reception is sponsored by Outback Steakhouse and will be held July 12 at the Bonita Lakes Pavilion.

State Games will recognize an outstanding "Volunteer of the Year." In 2000, Margaret

Remy was presented the award for her devoted time and energy to the operations of the Games.

Participating athletes will compete on two separate weekends - June 15-17 and June 21-24. First weekend sports are Archery, Adult Basketball, Bowling, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Youth Soccer, Softball, Stickball, Youth Swimming, Track and Field and 2-Man Volleyball.

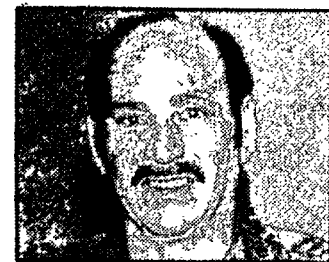
Sports slated to be held June 21-24 are High School Baseball, High School Basketball, Canoe/Kayak, Cycling Road Race, Fencing, 5-K Road Race, Mountain Bike Race, Mule and Donkey Show, Western Pleasure, Adult Soccer, Summer Biathlon, Masters Swimming, Adult and Junior Tennis and 4-Man Volleyball.

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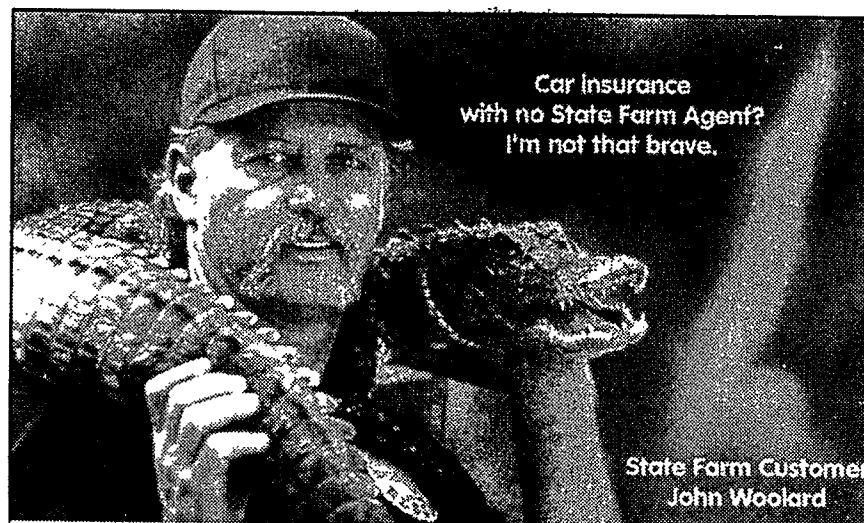
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## Pass quartet named All-State in softball

Four Pass Christian Lady Pirate softball players were named to the Class 1A, 2A, 3A All-State team after the Lady Pirates reached the state championship game in Class 3A.

Ashley Jenkins, Cilver Armstrong, Echo Myers, and Brittany Ladner were honored with All-State recognition by the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

## Baby bird season is here!

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# Child Abuse Prevention Month is over, but the struggle continues

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse was busy during the month of April commemorating National Child Abuse Prevention Month with several activities throughout Hancock County.

First, blue ribbons were distributed to local businesses, schools, and county offices at the beginning of April.

The Blue Ribbon campaign began with a Virginia grandmother who wanted to increase awareness of child abuse issues after her grandchildren were abused by

their mother's boyfriend.

Diamondhead Florist again provided the large blue bows for the County Courthouse, Hancock County Exchange Club helped the center to distribute approximately 75 blue bows and 2,000 lapel pins.

The RSVP ladies, the Hancock, County Homemakers, Haas and Haas, the Renz family, Sam Wilbourn, Evelyn Jacob, Mary Giatinni, and Alex Beneke worked tirelessly on the lapel pins.

The Social Worker

Appreciation Luncheon was at Rickey's Restaurant March 30. Donations were received from Gallery Salon and Day Spa, Etc. Etc., Hillyer House, Fire Dog Saloon, The Cute Little Shoppe, Merle Norman, N'Vogue, Fashion Express, Bay Crafts, Bluewater Beads, and Ellen Kane Gift Shop.

The first annual CASA Light of Hope Celebration was April 14 in conjunction with Second Saturday Artwalk. The center offered face painting, coloring con-



CASA Light of Hope Coloring Contest winners.

tests, a jelly bean counting contest, balloons, parenting support information, and more.

Lt. Don Ocho of the Bay St. Louis Police Department, provided child registration and fingerprinting for parents. The candlelight vigil ended at Youth Court with a ceremony that included Pastor Dastugue from Word of Faith, Mayor Eddie Farve, and Judge Robin Gibson, who received the One Voice Award.

Hancock County Exchange Club gave a donation to provide the penlights, Prestige Printing provided flyers, the Naval Home Chapel Fund provided Easter baskets as prizes; Party City provided balloons; Trophies, Etc. gave the plaque, the City of Bay St. Louis offered support, Edmond Fahey provided a tent.

Many people participated in the candlelight vigil to help remember child victims.

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### Toscana



General Manager Michael Pickich invites you to dine at Toscana

Recently, I had the pleasure of dining at Toscana. From the moment I entered the restaurant I knew something wonderful was in store for me. The atmosphere at Toscana can best be described as rustic elegance. One guest exclaimed "It took me back to the cobblestone roads in Italy."

After selecting a wine from the impressive wine list, I began my tour of the menu. I chose two appetizers (I could not decide which sounded better). My most-attentive server quickly delivered to my table fried green tomatoes topped with crabmeat, served over marinara sauce with fried angel hair pasta and fresh gulf shrimp. The second appetizer soon arrived, delectable pan-roasted shrimp with a savory garlic cream, adorned with lobster sauce and lemon oil garni.

A delightful sorbet was then served to cleanse the palate. Now, on to the entree! It was difficult to decide between the prime beef selections, pasta dishes and the fresh seafood, but I eventually chose the Chicken

Cecilia. This amazing dish consisted of an oven-roasted boneless breast of chicken topped with crawfish tails, an Acadian sauce served with angel hair pasta and a vegetable medley. This dish is one of the selections available on the special Mother's Day menu. And while we're on the subject of Mother's Day, Toscana will be open from 11:30 - 3:00 that day. Other selections from the special Mother's Day menu include Veal Oscar, petite veal medallions sauteed to perfection and topped with hollandaise and mega jumbo lump crabmeat accompanied with braised baby spinach, pasta and a vegetable medley. The Broiled Snapper St. Louis is a snapper fillet accompanied by shrimp scampi topped with garlic bordelaise sauce served with a vegetable

medley. The appetizer for Mother's Day is that fantastic fried green tomato dish I had enjoyed so much. All Mother's Day entrees include an appetizer, house salad and fresh, hot bread. Desserts are available. I recommend the Chocolate Confusion laced with Kahlua! Simply delicious!

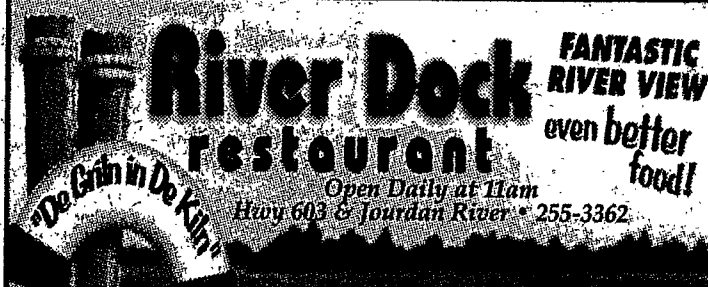
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